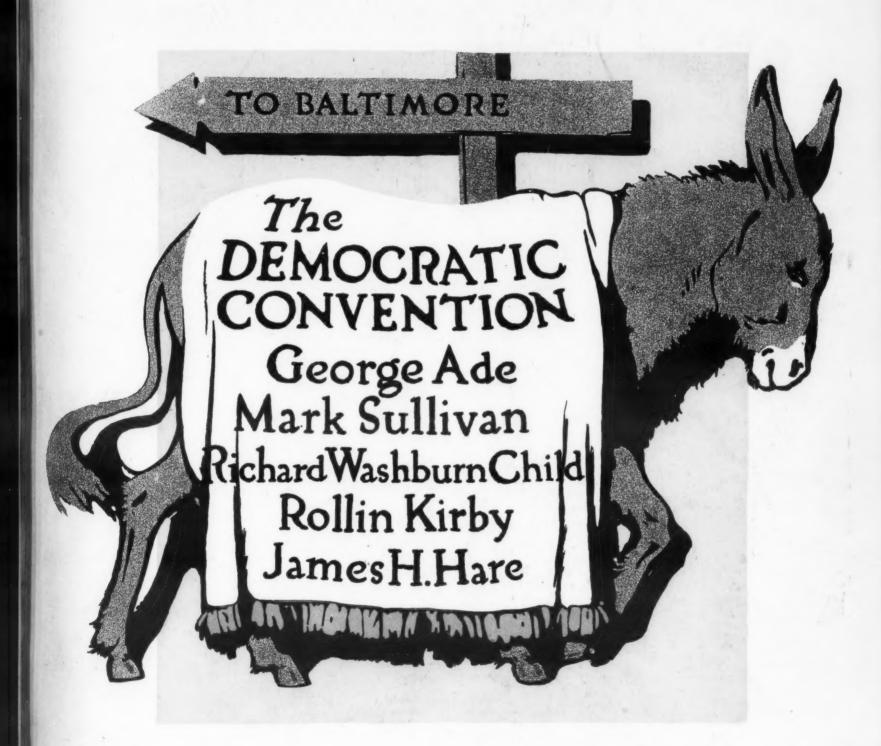
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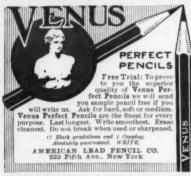




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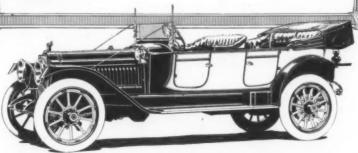
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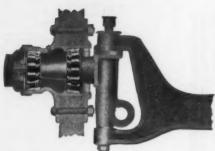
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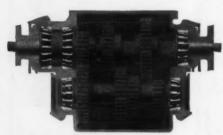
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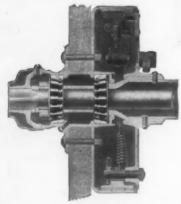


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The rear-wheel bearings carry more than half the car's weight and burden.

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Even slight wear in wheel-bearings allows the wheels to wobble. That brings extra wear on tires—unnecessary expense.

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In every place where they are used, the bearings should keep shafts in alignment, keep gears in correct mesh, support the loads, take the "end-thrust," and all the time, hold friction down to a negligible quantity.

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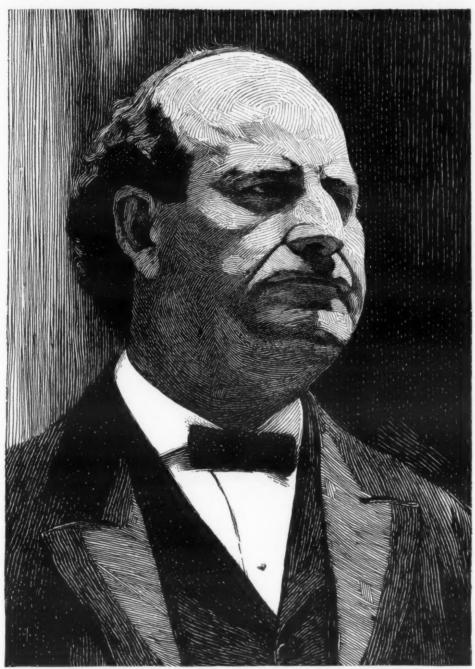


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William J. Bryan

The Master of the Democratic Convention

Fighting not for himself but for the rank and file of his party, Bryan reached the fullness of his strength at Baltimore



TWO MEN

AUSE ONE MOMENT, reader. Before we enter upon a confusing campaign that may magnify the minor things and obscure the larger, take one long view. On July 4, 1912, exactly one hundred and thirty-six years after this Republic was born in doubt and timid hope, the two men who have emerged at the top of it are THEODORE ROOSEVELT and WOODROW WILSON. Ninety million people, working through those avenues for the exchange of public intelligence which a democracy has invented, have chosen these two men as at once the exponents of their ideals and the objects of their affections. If THOMAS JEFFERSON could walk the earth again he would say to those old-world philosophers who smiled at his faith in an untried democracy: "Here are our fruits; bring on your kings and feudal heroes, the best you have in history. On any ground you please-intellectual ability, courage, dignity, personality, leadership, on any of the qualities you have always called kingly, we are willing to match your best." These two men are the test of the common people's power to choose; these are the signs of the sureness of their instincts. These two simple citizens are America's answer to those who predicted the military dictator, the bribing Crossus, anarchy, or a hundred petty kingdoms. Each is the sort of man that any good woman hopes her son may be. Each is such an embodiment of clean living and all wholesome qualities as must make every parent rejoice that one of them, by reason of the exalted conspicuousness of his position, will be for four years a model and inspiration to growing youth. Concerning neither of these two can any man whisper those tales which recount the accepted indulgences of kings; they live up to the rigid standards of a self-governing community of equals. products of a democracy, they challenge comparison with the best romantic conception of a king. Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson are no chosen stock, no fruit of special selection or training; the easy naturalness of their emergence, from commonplace homes and typical ancestries through ordinary careers, justifies the faith that just below them are layers and layers of others with all their potentialities latent, our untouched stores of village Hampdens.

HE SERVICE done by Mr. BRYAN to his party and the country will not be forgotten. Nobody has in recent years illustrated more wonderfully the truth that the United States is a country in which men often grow surprisingly after they have reached middle life.

Mr. BRYAN at Baltimore had all the honesty, courage, and sympathy which have made him leader of the Democratic liberal masses, and he had a maturity, a strength, a distinguished economy of effort, a logic, a control, which marked him as a more formidable and a more complete figure than he has been before in any of his campaigns. We liked the "boy orator" of 1896. We admire and trust the fighting statesman of 1912.

REPUBLICANS

SO MUCH TALK is loose that men discount strong statements. When it is said that the nomination of President TAFT was stolen, many look upon that as a fierce statement, intended to mean that the proceeding was arbitrary and unrepresentative. It means, however, literally what it says. Professor Hart is as high an authority on American government as we possess. The words he chooses to describe it are "a deliberate political robbery." Of Arizona, California, Texas, and Washington he states that The psychology prevailing at Chicago he were clear steals." analyzes as "the idea that you are morally entitled to capture a convention if you do not like a majority of the delegates." Roosevelt had a majority of the delegates. It is not open to doubt. Many honest Standpatters among the delegates do not deny it. They merely justify it on the ground that some of the contests, outside of these four States, were phony. what extent are party Republicans going to feel bound by fraud, when they understand, as before November 5 they must in detail be made clearly to understand, that Mr. TAFT was in reality never nominated?

ROOSEVELT

HIS ROBBERY, which many respectable persons look upon with approval, was done to protect the American people from CÆSAR, NAPOLEON, CROMWELL, RIENZI, and DIAZ. Well, we on COLLIER's are well acquainted with Colonel ROOSEVELT. When he was in office we were accustomed to differ with him, and doubtless shall have the privilege of differing with him again. Support which goes beyond general support into the domain of blind subserviency is no part of journalism as we see it. We look at ROOSEVELT as a person in public life for thirty years, fully tested, extraordinarily able, steadily useful, and a master workman in helping along that spirit-of-the-times which makes for paying a little

more attention to the ordinary moral law, under which a man is supposed to be a man even if his bank account is low. From his almost boyish emergence in the New York Legislature to his campaign of the last few months he has done more to stir our young men to hope for plain moral progress than any other American of the day. There is no use telling us that he came back into the arena because he wished to beat DIAZ by a term We were too closely concerned in his coming back to digest such bunk. We know intimately his hesitation and his distrust. came back, as he has done other things, because the forces which his genius trusts were moving strongly in that direction. He was called back by the voice of the masses, and especially by the voice of the spokesmen of moderate insurgency. Without these behind him he could never survive one fight in a country where all men read, where voters are jealous, where the only real CESAR—concentrated wealth—is determinedly against him. Take your ghost stories to some other party, We have other tales to hear. friends.

THREE MORALITIES

WHAT IS LOOKED UPON as moral is always determined largely by the general social system of the community. Some time ago we had a set of aristocratic virtues and faults. If a man was called a liar it was necessary for him either to stick somebody else with a sword or commit an assault upon him with his fists. He was supposed to have a flattering manner toward women, but was at perfect liberty to win their confidence and betray them. He had to be generous in giving away money, but was under no obligation to earn any and was perfectly free to grind it out of peasants. Aristocratic morals have been giving way to bourgeois morals, which are very much better, but by no means complete. Especially in public matters, but to a certain extent also in private affairs, the note of bourgeois ethics is security. They are founded much more on the fear that some harm may be done than on the determination that the fullness of life shall be increased. The great supplementary changes in morals in the future are going to come from the increased influence of the working majority. Their interests lead them to be more concerned with the effect their conduct has on the concrete welfare of the many than on any standards set up for the convenience of an aristocratic few or even for the sense of security of those in the middle way of life. Undoubtedly the ultimate outcome will be a combination, and the optimistic mind may hope that it will be a combination of everything that is valuable in the three sets of morals, and in the elimination of everything that is arbitrary and destructive of more than it conserves.

WHAT GIRLS THINK

I NTERESTING HINTS at the ideas of the rising generation of women on public affairs were given by the results of a convention which was held during the past spring at a leading woman's college, Bryn Mawr. This was a convention of a party called the "Nonpartisan party," including all the actual present parties. The girls were the delegates. It was decided that the Sherman Antitrust Act should be maintained and enforced until, as a result of due investigation, it might be amended as much as necessary to preserve the advantages of large-scale industry without unfair competition. The vote on this was 156 to 33. Direct Election of Senators passed by 168 to 24. A Conservation and Development plank with a commission for scientific investigation passed, 206 to 1. The Monroe Doctrine was reaffirmed in the same plank with an arbitration declaration and carried, 156 to 30. Labor legislation, such as recommendation of hours in dangerous trades and protection of women and children, Safety Appliance Act, Employers' Liability Act, and Workmen's Compensation Act, passed by heavy majorities. Income Tax amendment was carried by 140 to 29. Closer votes were on Immigration, where it was voted that the problem should be investigated scientifically, and in the same plank a Minimum Wage was provided for, 77 to 66. Woman Suffrage carried by 104 to 69. Presidency, after the first ballot showed that neither TAFT nor ROOSEVELT could be elected, Roosevelt advocates threw their strength to Wilson, but were beaten by the fact that delegates who favored TAFT and other candidates threw their strength to HUGHES, who was the nominee. An important part of the decisive thinking on public affairs a few years hence will be done by women who are in school and college now.

COMPETITION

NEITHER the absence of competition nor its entire license is now looked upon by the general body of reasonable thinkers as a gospel. The arguments now being waged upon the subject, whether in connection with the Sherman Act or with other proposed measures, such as change in patent laws, reflect one of the most difficult of our intellectual problems.

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In an interesting examination before the Oldfield Committee, Mr. WIL-LIAM L. INGERSOLL highly praised the "insight and broad understanding of the needs of society, of business, of the producer and consumer," shown by Mr. Justice HOLMES in the Miles medicine case when he said:

I cannot believe that in the long run society will profit by this course, permitting knaves to cut reasonable prices for mere ulterior purposes of their own, and thus to impair, it not destroy, the production and the sale of articles which it is assumed to be desirable the people should be able to get.

Mr. INGERSOLL, like many other business men to-day, although not accepting the Socialist doctrine entire, gives the Socialists credit for helping to educate the public about some wasteful aspects of competition. extremely important that we should have competition that stimulates variety and invention, checks monopoly, and increases ambition and efficiency, but equally important that we should not have competition which needlessly wastes and slays.

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A CERTAIN short and ugly word has been considered the fleetest of foot of any in the language. The old adage has it that "A lie can travel a league while truth is getting his boots on." The nimbleness of a lie, even when it is small and white, can be attested by anyone who has ever engaged in the exciting effort of trying to run it down. In certain communities this game of "running down a lie" is a popular pastime. Mrs. Grundy or Windy Jim or Babbling Bobbie remarks that Mandy Wattles has not cleaned her back room for six years, or that Mandy has been seen talking with the iceman for an hour, or had called Mrs. Jones an old frump. The story starts and away it goes. After it has made three rounds twice and lapped across the circle several times, Mrs. Wiggs hears and carries the word to Mandy's sister-in-law; then Mandy gets it and she starts to run it down. And then MANDY discovers that the harder you chase a lie the faster it runs. One reason that a lie travels so fast is because it meets so many friends who are willing to give it a ride. Truth has to get up in the cold, gray dawn of the early morning and make a hard day's journey, and knock a dozen times before he can even get a door open. But a lie is taken in at once, petted and fed and laughed at, and then sent hurrying on its way on the swiftest horse or newest automobile on the place. Truth has just one advantage in the long run; it can stand being let alone. You can plant a truth and not come in sight of it for five years, and then when you come back it will still be in a good state of preservation. But a lie cannot bear being lone-The minute it is let alone it begins to shrivel, and if it has to stand still twenty-four hours it is pretty sure to contract a fatal cold. There are just two safe ways to deal with a lie: keep it shut up if you can; and, if you can't, let it run itself to death. There is no need to chase it or kick it, for that often doubles the speed.

ONE PROMOTER'S BILL

OLONEL CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS WILSON, former head of the United Wireless Company, was brought from a Federal prison recently to testify as to what had become of a large sum of money taken in from the sale of the company's stock to the public at inflated prices. A schedule of his spendings from 1907 to 1912 was part of his testimonyan eloquent witness to the prodigal ways of the promoter with other people's money. The Colonel is an eye-filling figure—a composite FALSTAFF, Colonel Sellers, and Bret Harte gambler-not as great a figure in the history of promotion as Hooley of London, but with a more breezy personality. No one familiar with the United Wireless manipulation believes that WILSON was responsible for more than a small share of its success, but he was always pushed to the front. His great body, his thick mane falling from a magnificent head, and his confidence-breeding manner were valuable assets to the shrewder, less spectacular agents who actually sold the stock. And to encourage him in the part he was to play, the wireless company cheerfully met the cost of his services. In the four years covered by the schedule he filed, Colonel Christopher Columbus Wilson spent \$1,085,200. Here is one item:

Living expenses from January 1, 1907, to May 29, 1911, including yacht, automobiles, hotels, and trips to England and the Pacific Coast with family, about \$200,000. Out in Colorado was a certain "rat-hole" mine into which another great sum was dumped. This is the item:

Wilson Mining Company and building about one mile of railroad track, about

Two other mining enterprises took \$116,000; in an attempt to secure a license or franchise in Canada for the United Wireless, the Colonel spent \$75,000; another \$75,000 went in the last year for expenses in fighting the men who tried to get the company away from his control; on a paper box enterprise \$36,000 was spent; and the total was completed with a half dozen other items connected with the wireless promotion. So, we get the cost to thrifty and credulous America of one promoter's entertainment-\$271,000 a year. We should get our financial clowning done cheaper.

THE DOUBLE CROSS

REWER NEWSPAPERS are accepting the advertising of promoters of wildcat mines and gold-brick industrial companies, although too many still cling to the idea that their advertising columns are merely bulletin boards on which any man may spread his offer when he has paid the price. There has come to us a letter from a victim of this theory: "I attribute my misfortune to the confidence I placed in this newspaper. I had been a reader of it for twenty-five years; why shouldn't I confide in it? I did not believe it would advertise swindlers while, on the editorial page, it was condemning crookedness and swindling of every kind." Several years ago this man bought stock in the traction company which served his city, paying \$82 a share for it. The company got into financial trouble, and the newspaper led a persistent, bitter attack on its management. One day it had an editorial saying that the street railway company's shares were not worth the paper they were printed on. Trusting the paper's judgment, the man sold his stock at a big loss, and, trusting the same paper's advertising pages, put his money into the stock of United Wireless. Now the promoters of the wireless company are in jail, the property of the traction company is in good shape, and its stock, which is paying dividends, is selling for \$88 a share. The victim has changed newspapers.

THE BEST FOOT

HE ALWAYS puts the best foot forward" may be a compliment or it may not. It depends on the motive that propels the foot. If one It depends on the motive that propels the foot. If one habitually makes a fine appearance, for the purpose of securing unmerited favors, he is a fit object for a Molière, but if he endeavors to appear at his best to make it pleasant for others and himself, he is to be commended for keeping the garbage can in the alley instead of on the front porch. If there is an imbecile in the family, candor does not compel the hostess to drag him out before the company and say: "This is our idiot." better, if he must be revealed at all, to refer to him more vaguely as: "Our poor son who was kicked by a calf."

PRIMITIVE MAN

A NOVELIST sometimes likes to cut the knot he has tied in his own plot by having the primitive man suddenly rise up in the hero and make him snatch the resisting maid into a state of blissful, although groveling, servitude. It seems to us unfair-and dangerous for him-to "sick" a primitive man on a modern woman. It is also out of character to attach a chapter of modern literary bliss to a primitive conquest. There is evidence that the primitive man did snatch and club his woman to his heart's content, but it is not written by any woman novelist of that day that she lived happy ever afterward. No doubt she took it with docility, for big muscle was then boss, but there is nothing in human nature to warrant the assumption that woman ever enjoyed being bulldozed-at least for any length of time. Just as the doctrine that the weaker races were made for slavery and are happier in it has been exploded, so the notion that woman, because weaker physically than man, enjoyed her abject servitude, is vanishing before enlightened facing of human nature. If there is anything in woman's nature that makes her blissful at being consistently clubbed into submission, it is not apparent to the observation of most married men.

HABITS

T IS A GOOD PLAN to break one's habits occasionally, to see that it Lacan still be done. To follow even the best of habits too closely tends to ossify existence. It makes one stiff. It narrows his tastes. The retired farmer who still gets up before daylight every morning, so as to get an early start waiting for bedtime, would be much better off if during the stress of life he had broken his habit occasionally and slept until nine o'clock. The city man who lets the street, the flat, the office grind become an unbearable habit loses all his elasticity. Recently a brother and sister were found in an Eastern State who had lived on the same farm for sixty years, and during that time had not been ten miles from home. thirty years the woman had not been to town, five miles away, and for fifteen years, although well and strong, she had not been so far from the house as the branch in their bottom field. Habits of life like this become prison chains. One must do some things the same way or nearly the same to learn to do them well, but once having acquired the skill of repetition, it is well to break away and do it some other way. It is better to make some blunders and get some knocks experimenting than to oscillate in a groove until freedom ends.



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By RICHARD WASHBURN CHILD

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After all, public opinion is something of a steam roller itself.

Day after day, sitting in the press stands at the Re-

publican Convention in Chicago, Mr. Bryan turned this idea over in his mind; day by day his smile grew a little

less doubtful, a little more the smile of a sphinx.

Mr. Bryan was not in power: he was a private citizen. He smiled and packed his bag and went down to Baltimore. He knew that the rank and file of his party had announced themselves progressives just as the rank and file of Republicans had announced themselves progressives.

In Chicago Mr. Bryan planned the simplest 1912 Rank and File Model of steam rollers. There was nothing very elaborate about his idea.

Its simplicity showed that Mr. Bryan was a great man

Its sincerity showed that Mr. Bryan was a good man. Some one has pointed out that the moment to be great is when other men are small.

Wilson without a promise won a Democratic nomination.

The fight was tedious to all of us there in Baltimore.

The full round moon had paled as dawn stripped the black velvet from the sky; but the moon still seemed to wear a cynical smile upon its broad, flat countenance.

From the crouching, sullen granite Armory in Baltimore came the roar of a Democratic Convention finishing, after a week of tortured striving, another solemn and fruitless ballot to nomi-nate a President. The wind blew with a flourish of its trumpets, a warm blast to welcome another noise-mad, wilting day. Out of the great hall, like stokers from the hold of a ship, staggered the first

few groups of delegates, whose had been used in "demonstrations" they sounded like putting in coal, and red-eyed spectators from the galleries trying to remember after this second all-night session whether the gray of the sky was that of dusk or dawn, whether the next meal was breakfast or dinner. Cabmen and chauffeurs stirred from their cramps of sleep, doormen aching with the toxins of fatigue, washed their stubbled, unshaven

faces with imaginary water held in the palms of hands, policemen leaned against the walls and slept, posed like figures in the catacombs. The moon still smiled.

Some time there had been—when was it, a year or an hour ago?—the evening rabble of the Baltimore streets, swaying with the black and white of male and female in the nimbus of their own steam. The mind pictures of badges, flags, banners, display boards of souvenirs, women's bare shoulders in one of the hotel dining rooms, the purple of an enthusiast's face as he frothed the name of his candidate between his teeth, the crowded hotel lobbies, all haunted the memory of sati-ated sensations. The ears still heard the bark of an orator, the shrieks of mechanical noise makers—"We want Wilson!"—a band passing below the window, the murmur of thick voices from barrooms, the name of Clark, and the Houn' Dawg Song propelled through the muddy basso of megaphones, the clinking of dishes somewhere, and the little gasp of a girl in the crowd who had read love in the eyes of a young man and forgot for the moment all about Democracy. And now there was to be another ballot. Day had broken. Men in the dirty, white apparel of street-cleaning departments, and with a boa constrictor of a hose, played water on the pavements. Clark 549! Wilson 354! Harmon 39! Marshall 30! Underwood 123!

"You don't say! Mean there is a deadlock?" asks a man with a dinner pail on his way to work.

You have shut your teeth in a determination to go back again into the hot pale-blue fog of the Armory. Your voice is unfamiliar, even to yourself; you are certain some one else speaks. Why, it was some one else!

—a delegate rolling a cold bottle of ginger ale around his forehead and still chewing a cigar. They would not let him smoke it inside. He is no longer a digni-tary. Sweat has humanized him.

tary. "Yep!" "Yep!" he said, "and my money is about run out. If they don't nominate to-morrow—I mean to-day, confound it!—I'll beat it back home where I can sit on

found it!—I'll beat it back home where I can sit on the porch and listen to the mosquitoes. Belmont and Ryan and Hearst and Charlie Murphy can take the party and go hang! Look at them rings under my eyes!"

Within the hall the last ballot in a course of ballots had meant nothing, and this course of ballots, in grim, dull procession, was destined to be interrupted by the Sabbath after twenty-six of them had been taken. This can was followed by a sincere composite and mighty one was followed by a sincere, composite, and mighty sigh. So many persons so long together develop a oneness: the Armory still held its sea of individuals, but it held something else—the Convention Creature.

Under a roof of cheesecloth, yellow and white, and

stretched over an arched frame for reasons acoustic. this exhausted Convention sprawled across a field of

varnished chairs. 'Way back, on Tues-

day. Bryan-the sar-Bryan without a trade was Master of a Party. SECTION OPERS

Arthur Brisbane, bursting with a strong Hearst-Murphy sentiment, engaged in a broil with a Wilson enthusiast

donic Jove of the Convention, with a concealed fistful of thunderbolts—had leaped up at the first rap of the gavel and roared the obvious truth that Judge Alton Parker, as temporary chairman, would stamp the Convention as reactionary; the delegates were then a carefully brushed, becoated, stiff-backed, and for the moment dignified lot, as they had stood to listen to the prayer of Cardinal Gib-Their faces, like sprouts from bulbs planted in the ground of their dark clothes, were fresh and pink as if they reflected the dominating center of color—the robes of a Cardinal. But the prayer finished suddenly as by or the trapdoor of the stage-the great Com-

moner stood before them! He had waved his hand, ned the storm, and, satisfied with his watched the lightning play about, while the Prince of the Church, like one in an unholy place, gathered his red robes about him, and, with the spirit of Harmony at his heels, was gone.

And now, after four days, that body of sitting delegates through which he had passed had become a confused, exhausted mass of coatless, collarless, wet, sleep-short, gray-faced, sullen men. Each one having come with singleness of purpose not to change his and with confident trust that every other man d, now knew that determination was a far more dependable sentiment than hope. A half dozen, awakened from nomination nightmares, or in neurotic frenzy, had jumped a mental fence; firm rocks flew not. It was the moment of another roll call; the deadlock

The eye traveling over this disordered scene saw the hands of sergeants-at-arms still playing on imaginary pianos, or making the motions of those who, treating pianos, or making the motions of those who, treating Noise as a drunken disturber, would lay their hands upon his shoulders, trying in vain to keep him down. It saw also that the faces on the scene-painters' portraits of Wilson and Champ Clark, smiling at each other cynically through their muddy daubs, seemed possessed of intelligence. They expressed weariness of demonstrations, and boredom of the fruitless frenzies, and impatience of the men of flesh and blood who pranced along the narrow aisles with open umbrellas, megaphones, hats on sticks, portraits on fish poles, and gilded banners, their features, strained to the absurd, hydrophobic, apoplectic ecstasy of whirling dervishes, voodoos, and the zealots of Mumbo Jumbo and the Bomba-Bomba. Bomba-Bomba.

From the excited mass of struggling delegates the eye also saw rise one old and knotted hand. It was brown with the sun, hardened with toil, but not made inexpressive by uninspired labor. Something in the fleeting glance one had of it left the suggestion that it symbolized America. For the moment the eye had picked out this insignificant trifle as the center of attention, and it seemed much more important than a Nominee, or a Platform; for a moment it spoke of character, of home life, of the National spirit; for a moment before it was drawn down into the seethe it held aloft an assurance!

THE eye saw, too, the same array of heads upon which it had rested for a week, the same field of tonsorialities—bald heads, glass and dull finish, the states-man's shag, the Oklahoma rumple, the north-wind pompadour, the merino fuzz, the angora swirl, the thistle-down sprinkle, the oiled part, the Cochin-China toupee, and the Tammany bristle. It saw emissaries of the opposing factions moving like whispering Ciceros among the various delegations, still trying to gain promises of votes, and showing by every ingratiating smile, by hands upon shoulders, and by moving lips breathing "patriotisms" into unreceptive, partisan ears that love, tenderness, and regard (with a condition precedent) have their place in politics. Wistful expressions, however, had begun to bloom here and there in the bed of faces as s very human, very tired delegate looked up through the carbon-dioxide haze at the wicked, unblushing glare of arc lights and meditated upon ice water, upon Sunday at home, upon some old familiar bed with its cool, clean sheets, upon the feel of the early morning wind from "the meadow," or the touch of "ma's" hand. Men started from dozing to the unwelcome recollection that they had come to nominate a Democrat, that they were "making history" or "saving the Democracy." And yet the bucket of Inquiry always came up out of the well of Result as dry as the announcer's husky throat.

The band played in the balcony again; once more the



Bald heads, glass and dull finish, the statesman's shag, the Oklahoma rumple, the



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eternal hisses and cheers, meaning nothing and accomplishing less. Once more the roar of Ollie James, the Colossus among chairmen, who had taken Parker's

among chairmen, who had taken Parker's place; once more a flutter of excitement, because it was none less than Arthur Brisbane, writer of engaging editorials on children's nightshirts and other matters, who, bursting with a strong Hearst-Murphy sentiment, had engaged in a brawl with a Wilson enthusiast in the press stand, and had been made to "shake hands" by a woman who no doubt was Nellie Bly, because a reporter with a pink striped shirt said to a telegraph boy, who walked over the bench in front of him: "Just step on my hand instead of my watch—it's softer." Once more the composite Convention Creature gives forth the whiffle, the sough, and the click of its prodigious yawn; once more sough, and the click of its prodigious yawn; once more in a momentary hush the worrying noise of gum chewing rises like the sound of a school of mackerel at play, and peppermint flavor comes up from a sea of Dem

Again an orator under cover of a "point of order" opens his mouth, ejects words and beats them with his fists. Cries of "Cut it out!" and "Take another vote!" drown his voice. A man on a moving-picture film is heard much more than

He is only a signal to an impatient, baffled, tired mob to produce all its "parlor tricks"—the whistles, hoots, catcalls. Wyoming yowls, and Yukon whoops, imitations of the eagle in song and the crow uttering its melody.

ADJOURNMENT had come! One of the ten-ADJOURNMENT had come! One of the ten-hour, all-night sessions was at an end. The sun peeped in, the crowd swayed out. Behind them they left a chaos of chairs, tin pails, and pans; behind them they left dailies, sandwich wrappers, torn telegrams—a wilderness of paper, stirred now and then by a

breath of fresh morning wind. And a white pigeon—a bur-lesque symbol of peace—flew long flights from one end to the other of the vast interior. Such was the external picture of the deadlocked Democracy.

What was behind it? A man whose name will not appear in history had predicted that the party within reach of victory would make blunders. It did! Its leaders did not, as those in Chicago, with light-fingered arrogance, invite the rank and file to pick up their direct pri-maries and their candidate and their principles and go to grass!

But they allowed Mr. Bryan
to throw bomb after bomb;
they set the scenery for Mr.

Bryan to drag out the skele-

Murphy, Hearst, Ryan, Belmont, and the rest—and dance them on the stage of publicity. When they allowed a group of these men to gather in the manner of

lowed a group of these men to gather in the manner of mighty intriguers at a club in Baltimore they assisted Mr. Bryan's vividly painted genre picture of Tammany Hall and Wall Street reaching for the Democratic party with fingers not only unclean but also awkward. In Chicago the "gang" needed a majority and they took it; in Baltimore the "gang" needed control of a third of the Convention, and they supposed that they had it. In Chicago the "gang" could say who could be nominated; in Baltimore they were prepared to say who should not be nominated. In Chicago Mr. Roosevelt showed the game to the country and invited the players showed the game to the country and invited the players to put it through: they did, with almost admirable nerve In Baltimore Mr. Bryan, who, whether sitting like a sphinx in his delegate's seat or hurling an explosive at an unexpected moment on to the Convention floor, was the dominant figure of the lot, also wished the players to put their game through; they hesitated, they squirmed, they cursed him as a wrecker of Democracy.

The difference may be explained persuasively. In

Republican Chicago a third party seemed visionary; in Democratic Baltimore it had become something more tangible than a fear. The imagination of the "interests" been stimulated. They had begun to see things at

Mr. Bryan said "Boo!"

Mr. Bryan said "Boo!" when he attacked the choice of Parker as temporary chairman. The Convention elected Parker, and Parker, much to the delight of the elected Parker, and Parker, much to the delight of the Commoner, made his inaugural address, supposed to be the keynote of a convention, a lurid attack on Mr. Roosevelt. Had Mr. Roosevelt been the one thing in the world dangerous to a democracy, Mr. Parker could not have advertised it better. Childlike innocence was never like this! Ollie James attacked somebody. Who? Mr. Roosevelt. Orators rose and fell in philippic frenzy, Directed against the menace of Mr. Taft? No, Mr. Taft's name was mentioned so seldom and then with so Taft's name was mentioned so seldom, and then with so kindly an indulgence, that it might well have embarrassed Mrs. Taft, who came over from Washington one day to sit in the gallery; the man attacked was Roosevelt! Mr. Bryan said "Boo!" when he refused the chairmanlight which must have traveled up and down Mr. Bryan's spinal column must have made life seem worth all the abuse men have given him. There they were—Ryan and Murphy and Bel-mont and the "gang." It must be said —no other words will fit—it cannot be

Mr. Bryan had their goat!
Mr. Bryan said "Boo!" when, after Mr. Murphy had risen from the New York delegation on the tenth ballot and announced a change of eighty-one votes from Harmon to Clark, he changed his own vote from Clark to Wilson, and took the occasion to explain, in a way that the delegates and the country would understand, that no man should be nominated by accepting the support of the "gang." It is supposed commonly that Tammany goes to conventions to get promises from candidates-

if possible.

Ar. Clark felt hurt. He came over from Washington in the evening. His managers were rushing up and down the corridors of one of the hotels with their wives. The wives cautioned each other in loud whispers not to tell anybody.

The Speaker of the House rehearsed a dramatic speech in a room which had a transom spilling every word into the hall. The scenery had been set to have him appear on the floor of the Convention, walk up one of the aisles, and crush the foe. His manager, former Sena-tor Du Bois, evidently believed that this would cause a stam-pede—but the Convention adjourned before the plan could be put into execution. Clark be put into execution. Clark had come to town; he had prepared a coup; he had a drama up his sleeve. It ended in a few sticks of newspaper inter-

ALL night long the Clark delegates were "whipped in" and stiffened; they were taught to hate Mr. Bryan. Next day, after their "secret" conference held on the roof garden, they walked about the hotel corridors with hellow hotel corridors with hollow eyes, and quoted what Mr. Bryan had said about Mr. Clark long ago, or told with trembling lips of how Murphy had once given Bryan all the warmth of his soul, and cried out in agony over the scandal of Mr. Bryan taking money from a newspaper syndicate. They knew him at last—Wrecker of Democracy! He

had been stripped of his sheep's clothing—Traitor to his Party! Some of them, late Monday afternoon, in the second week of the deadlock, paraded an insulting banner before him and laid violent hands upon the Commoner, from which the police had to rescue him. But Bryan was happy!
Friendships broke when Mr. Bryan said "Boo!" The

Maryland delegation, with a defection from Clark, sat with red-tense or white-taut faces, daring not to look at each other lest Democratic blood be shed. Kansas delegates jumped in their chairs as one man, and as one man demanded to explain a defection to Wilson, and then demanded to explain a defection to wilson, and then demanded the right not to explain it, and asked for a roll call, and then did not want one, and talked back to the Chairman, and were told by the Sergeant-at-Arms that they would be put out of the Armory, and there were shricks of glee from the galleries, who hoped there were shricks of glee from the galleries, who hoped it would happen, but knew that it would not. John B. Stanchfield of New York, defending some part, or all, of the New York delegation, added to the brilliance by another fling at Mr. Roosevelt, the defeated candidate for the nomination of the Chicago Coliseum, with whom he accused Bryan of being in league, a phrase which is conventionally used in connection with a person older, if not so distinguished in evil doing as Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Bryan had said "Boo!" And they sent for extra detachments of police!

detachments of police!
Mr. Bryan's "Boo!" made delegates leap out of their

sleep—when they found time for any—with a shriek.

Mr. Bryan was bound the country should know what
went on in the Democratic Convention; in the process of accomplishing this he made a monkey of it. The 'Boo!" made the Convention do every last thing which "Boo!" made the Convention do every last thing which a Democratic Convention should not do. The Convention attacked Roosevelt instead of Taft. That let the cat out. At the name of a Third Party (capital T, capital P) it almost leaped from its shoes. It was so disturbed by the "Boo!" that it allowed Charlie Murphy to slip into the family group, just as the bulb was pressed, and then to appear in the center of the picture of the Harmonious Family Democracy beside such men as Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Grover Cleveland, and August Belmont. The effect of the "Boo!"



ship of the Committee on Resolutions-a sop thrown to him-and told the committee that he could, if not pleased with the progressiveness of the platform, take his objections to the floor of the Convention and therefore to the voters of the country.

Mr. Bryan said "Boo!" when he suggested to the

Resolutions Committee that candidates should be chosen before a platform was adopted.

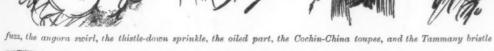
R. BRYAN said "Boo!" in large, black-faced type when he offered to the delegates a resolution which made the Convention declare itself opposed to the nomination of anyone under obligation to Morgan, Ryan, and Belmont. This time the "gang" was so demoralized that it began to vote furiously, hectically, and with almost it began to vote furiously, hectically, and with almost feminine hysteria against the resolution. Before they knew it many went on record as being in favor of nominating a man under obligation to Morgan, Ryan, and Belmont. They voted in anger and begged to change their vote when they saw the trap. They had rushed forward to a challenge like wolves; they tumbled back like sheep covered with gooseflesh. The creep of de-











Comment on Baltimore

By MARK SULLIVAN

ANY progressive Democrats who detest Tammany and deplore its power in the party are at the same time peevish at Mr. Bryan. They call him selfish and overambitious, and use such words as "marplot" and "hoodoo." These Democrats, if they will search their hearts, will find that it is a passionate wish for party success : hich is temporarily confusing their standards. In the excitement of the game they are allowing strategy and points to outweigh things which in calmer moods they know to be more fundamental. For the moment they are willing to purchase harmony at too great a cost. These Democrats are most unjust when they charge that Mr. Bryan would drive from the Democratic party all men of wealth, however derived or however used. Neither is it true that Mr. Bryan's policy would deprive all men with money of the privilege of participation in politics. Mr. Bryan's charges carry weight only in so far as they are recognized to be true and appeal to common reason. The progressive movement, whether in the Democratic party or in the Republican, is in no sense directed against wealth as such, nor against corporations as such. And Mr. Bryan has power only in so far as he expresses the progressive spirit.

FOR EXAMPLE

AT THE moment when Mr. Bryan spoke there was sitting in the Convention as a delegate, within a dozen feet of the men whom he denounced, the president of a \$150,000,000 public-service corporation. William G. McAdoo, president of the Hudson and Manhattan Company, was one of the most influential men in the Convention, and his activities in it, as well as in other party affairs, have generally been along lines counter to Mr. Bryan's interests. And yet if Mr. Bryan had made charges hostile to Mr. McAdoo they would have carried no weight, and Mr. Bryan's power in the Convention and in his party would have lasted only so long as it would take for the public to recall that Mr. McAdoo's corporation has never practiced corruption, nor any other policy than frankness in its relations with legislatures, courts, and the public. Mr. Thomas F. Ryan's case is very different. He was high in power in a corporation, the Metropolitan Street Railway, which for years practiced corruption in the courts of New York; he was one of the dominating spirits of another corporation, the American Tobacco Company, which, until it was exposed, systematically bought legislatures and maintained a department for the conduct of bribery; Mr. Ryan, through an agent, invented and practiced successfully that corruption of the avenues of public expression which has been crystallized in contemporary speech as "accelerating public opinion." would take an extraordinary optimist to associate a patriotic purpose with Mr. Ryan's appearance in a convention. There are men of wealth and men of wealth, and Mr. Bryan was safely discriminating

AMBIDEXTROUS

AT CHICAGO the permanent chairman was Elihu Root, long the counsel for Thomas F. Ryan and his interests. At Baltimore the temporary chairman was Alton B. Parker, attorney in important capacities for many of that congeries of corporations of which Mr. Ryan is the center. One of Mr. Bryan's phrases was:

I am not willing that Thomas F. Ryan and August Belmont shall come here with their paid attorneys and seek secret counsel with the managers of

There were many Wall Street lawyers at Baltimore; some were for show and for official functions, others were for the "secret purposes" of Mr. Bryan's phrase.

WHAT PRECEDED IT?

MR. THOMAS F RYAN'S appearance at Baltimore as a delegate from one of the rural counties of Virginia astonished the Convention. Even the other Virginia delegates did not know of it, and the newspapers were taken by surprise. It would be interesting to know just how Mr. Ryan's incumbency came about, exactly what messages must have passed between him on the one hand, and on the other hand the Hon. Thomas S. Martin, United States Senator and head of the Virginia Democratic machine, as well as the Hon. Henry D. Flood, local Democratic boss in the county which is Mr. Ryan's occasional Virginia domicile. Virginia, in spite of its splendid traditions, is to-day, in its subserviency to a machine, one of the most servile States of the Union.

THE BEST IN A CENTURY

NTELLECTUALLY, Woodrow Wilson is the best-equipped candidate the Democrats have put forward since Thomas Jefferson. Colonel Watterson and a few friends who knew Samuel J. Tilden in the flesh might put in a claim counter to this, but the claim wouldn't last long in an exhaustive argument.

ONE YOUNG MAN

I N THE felicitations let us not forget McCombs. His youth and fineness are the measure of how far we have traveled since the sordid fat fryers who were the President-makers of a generation ago. He was not a boss nor in any sense a politician, just a young Princeton man who had sat under Wilson's teaching and gauged the quality of his mind and character. Without funds or influential associations, he began the Wilson movement by having his stenographer utilize her spare time in sending copies of the Governor's speeches to the newspapers; and until it gathered headway from its own momentum, that's all the Wilson boom there was. McCombs is a son of Arkansas, another example of the growing influence of Southern young men in politics. He has performed an important service, and his reward in public appreciation will be large. He was no less an amateur, and had no more facilities than hundreds of other young men who should be stimulated to imitate him; about three hundred such ought to displace the old-timers in Congress this fall. This is a year for amateurs in politics.

ONE ELEMENT IN IT

HE historian, in giving due credit to Bryan, will not fail to point out the share of another man, one of the thousand indirect influences that his robust vitality radiates. If Roosevelt had not run, if he had not bolted at Chicago, if he had done the traditional thing-made the nomination unanimous and promised to support the ticket-then the only choice offered the country to-day would have been Taft and the houn' dawg.

RECKLESSNESS

THE "Big Money" leaders overplayed their hand in Baltimore. After their success at Chicago they came to Baltimore in a spirit of confidence which approached exaltation and dismissed their customary caution. They came in person, officially and unofficially; they set up headquarters and brought their attorneys, both the pretentious ones who make speeches and the safe ones who carry messages. In their retinues there was noticeable a more modern form of agent. The New York "Times," though it had only abhorrence for Mr. Bryan's point of view, observed that:

This so-called "big business" or "Wall Street" element is being embar-rassed here at present by a crowd of young men whose business it is under ordinary circumstances to act as press agents for corporations. They are crowding the hotel lobbies, well dressed, plausible, and with plenty of money to spend, talking loudly against the progressive idea. To the New York newspaper men they are a joke, for their alliances are an open book; but they are making quite an impression upon delegates and newspaper representatives to whom they are not known.

The New York "Evening Post's" observer wrote that:

The discovery that Thomas F. Ryan is here caused a buzz of adverse comment. There had already been among the delegates no little restlessness and criticism because of the number of Wall Street press agents and hangerson they had encountered in the hotel lobbies.

The Chicago victory made "Big Money" reckless.

AS DETECTIVE BURNS WOULD EXPRESS IT

AT CHICAGO they made a clean getaway; at Baltimore Bryan saw them entering, called the police and turned in a fire alarm.

THE LAST

HOSE who attended the Baltimore Convention probably saw the last of a picturesque feature of American politics. Under the fast-spreading primary system, conventions in the future, if they exist at all, will have merely the perfunctory function of registering an O. K. on what the people have done, much the character of the present electoral college. The elimination of the convention may come about through a Federal law regulating Presidential primaries in every State, or through the adoption of the system in one State after another. The demonstration of their usefulness has been so complete that few communities will be content to be without them.



Woodrow Wilson
Nominee of the Democratic Party for President of the United States



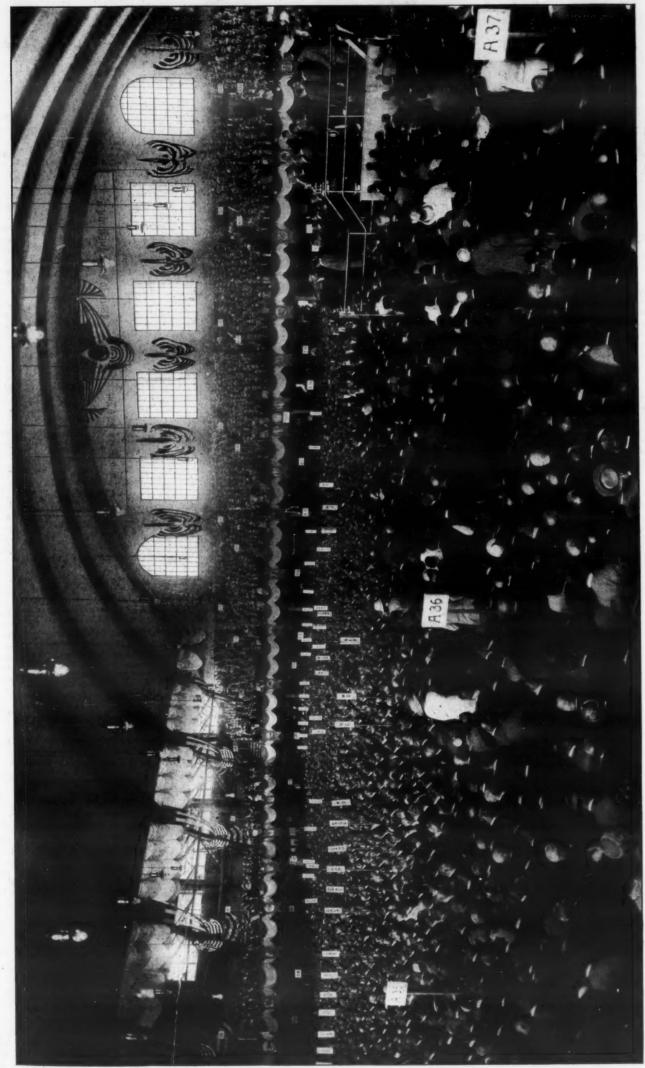
Mrs. William H. Taft witnessed a session of the Democratic Convention as the guest of Mrs. Norman Mack and Mrs. D. R. Francis



Champ Clark's "Houn' Dawgs" were an exhibit in Baltimore when the Convention was young, but they later were lost to public view



The Committee on Resolutions of the Democratic National Committee met in the Convention Hall in a locked private room on the ground floor to frame the party platform. Photographers were barred, but a camera man obtained a ladder, pushed his camera through the transom, and snapped the committeemen. The picture shaws C. P. J. Mooney of Memphis, Tenn., addressing the chair



The Democratic National Convention in Session

The interior of the Convention hall in Baltimore presented a very different aspect during the opening hours from that of the later stormy days, when heat and the weariness of all-night sessions had done their part in disheveling the delegates. This picture was taken during the opening prayer, which was delivered by Cardinal Gibbons. The standards of the various delegations when we in the Republican Convention, and were nailed prudently to the floor. This precaution was unavailing, however, as the delegates tore them up in their excitement



Foreword

LIFTED at random from the record of many busy years, this story of a few months in the life of a newspaper woman must perforce be left unfinished. For every passing day is a new chapter in its stirring portrayal of every-day events; each bit of the diary has its own relation to the growth of her ideas, the widening of her views of the city, and each entry is another piece of life as recorded in the columns of the news, upon the police blotters and the

It is only unconsciously a story. It has no plot, no literary merit, and is, truth to tell, merely the revelation of how one woman found romance, excitement, and tragedy

in the local room of a great daily.

Probably you have read her "copy"; perhaps the very history of this bit of her own story will reveal her personality to you; but at any rate it must bring to girls with a dream of literary fame a vision of the rocks that lie ahead on the path of "good copy."

The Diary

CTOBER 2—It has come at last; the first step up on to the ladder that I hope will lead to fame—or, at least, to success from a material standpoint, for Mr. H— told me to-day that I might choose a nom de plume and write signed "feature stuff" hereafter.

It came after he had pasted one of my stories up on the bulletin board, saying how good it was, and for a little while I was puffed up with pride.

Two years ago the thought of this would have seemed too good to be true. It would indeed have been like an aureole of glory, but perspective changes with work. The little things become big, the big ones little, until at last

little things become big, the big ones little, until at last the final bubble dream bursts and you know yourself for a cog—a unit of the great whole that turns out "copy" for others to read at the breakfast table. And each step forward—I realize now—is merely changing to another part of the machinery, not getting away from the steady turning of the wheels.

Two years of it-and this is my first taste of triumph Is it worth it? If anyone outside asked me that, I would answer with a lot of platitudes about my "career" and "finger exercises" being needed to learn the great literary symphonies, but deep in my heart I know it is worth it

because of the working to get it.
wish now I'd kept a diary of those two years—but I'm afraid after all it would have been full of tears and railings against fate in general and managing editors in particular, with special invectives for that awful phrase, 'Get pictures."

Looking back upon it all is like turning a moving-picture Looking back upon it all is like turning a moving-picture film backward, and I could both laugh and cry as the machine of the years, turned by the hand of memory, comes to that girl who was "me," and who went so shyly, yet so boldly, into the office for a job. Oh, the clutch at the throat of your first assignment! The importance of your first police card! Your stammering plunge into questions of the first story that brings the grim horrors of sin and shame and crime so near—

Two years—I feel as if it had been ten—I have lost the beauty of my dreams of fame. I have lost my ambitions for making the world better by wonderful literature—I am grimly set now on getting—"good copy."

PERHAPS if I had lived home and had more friends and more household interests it would have been dif-ferent; but the office—ah, it has been a refuge, with its companionship—its men always ready to talk shop, and tits cheerful warmth and bustle: a refuge from stuffy boarding-house rooms and the acrid odors of stale food— faugh—thank heaven for success if it will take me to a second-floor double room in a house where the sunshine sometimes creeps in.

It may even come now-hurrah, for I am a feature writer, not just an ordinary reporter! I can expend my

soul beyond "two sticks," and I'm glad. Yet I'm too heart weary to feel any great exhilaration.

If I'd been like the girl reporters in the magazine stories I might feel more elated. I might feel a thrill if I knew this beginning had come from creeping at dizzy heights this beginning had come from creeping at dizzy neights above the street on hotel cornices to overhear State secrets or to rescue a child from the room where kidnapers had imprisoned it; but somehow I never yet met a newspaper woman that did anything thrilling. It's just taking part woman that did anything thrilling. It's just taking part in everyday life—not only in its pleasant things but in its tragedy, its suffering, and its crime, till sometimes it seems as if one's very viewpoint is warped by experience, and the greatest adventures become the dull grind of "work." The sordid retailing of sins and sorrows, or the equally sordid describing of the jewels and gowns and

equally sordid describing of the jewels and gowns and speeches of a lot of vain and snobbish women at some club, where everyone is afraid not to snub you for fear you'll forget you're "only a reporter"—heigh-ho—
OCTOBER 4—Oh, the romance of it all—the excitement, the joy that leaps up and clutches at your throat at the thought of things well done: of phrases and "copy" that will make newspaper people nod with appreciation—for, truth to tell, most of the stuff that's written is done for those in other newspaper offices, not for the public (but that's a secret I wouldn't admit any place but in my diary).

that's a secret I wouldn't admit any place but in my diary). To-day, for the first time, I saw my borrowed name blazoned forth on the front page and tasted the bittersweet of success, and when I went into the office to-night the blur of the old romance, the old pleasure in it all, the blur of the old romance, the old pleasure in it all, was there. The low-hanging, green-shaded lights bringing out shiny spots on the metal of the typewriters, the irritated note of the telegraph instruments, even the throaty yell of G—— for the boy to "get the proofs," all seemed as it used to seem when I first came from home. As if the pulse of the world beat in that office, the doings of every land under the sun—sorrow and comedy, laughter and tears, the making of history, the revealing of men's sins all were going on record there, and I-I was a part of it.

THE boys have been so dear and funny about my new work, but everybody had a word of congratulation -, whose blue suspenders and drab undershirt used to shock me so; K—, with his loud voice, his continuous expletives, and his tender heart—all the rough and cheery companions who put aside the so-called polish of social intercourse here in the service of the great god Copy—each was glad for me and showed it. And, best of all, when I draw my pay envelope—by jinks, I'm going to buy that hat with the tulle bow. Maybe, too, I can get out of this boarding house—I'd like to try a new combina-tion of hallway smells to soothe my olfactory senses.

October 13—An unlucky day—a day of rain and clouds and grief. I feel somehow as if my copy had wrenched a bit of my heart away, leaving it sore and bleeding, Newspaper work is horrible. I hate it. I don't like to probe people's hearts—it hurts—I suppose I must get hard-

ened, but I don't believe I will.

To-morrow, when the silver light of dawn creeps out of the East, they are going to hang a man. They going to "hang him by the neck till he is dead" bec he killed a man in anger; and his wife and their little children know it—and I had to stay with them hours; had to record, like a human phonograph, the agony of that mother-God, but life is cruel! Why are we so imstent? Why— When I went to the house the eldest little girl opened

the door and said: "Mamma is busy, but you can come in if you like." And upon that invitation I followed her into the murky kitchen. It was dark—the windows, long dusty, were smeared in streaks by the rain, and the atmos-

phere was heavy with the smell of onions.

The woman, dragged out of shape by the bearing of many babies—mercifully dead—was packing a basket and looked at me with dull eyes, quite calm. "You will excuse," she said in a tired voice; "I fix a nice meal for my man. It may be he will eat, and if we do not get it to the prison in time they will not let us send it in." The Diary of a Real Nospap

By PEGGY VAN

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"Of course," I stammered, and with the latest baby clinging and gurgling about her knees she packed the sausages, the onions, the bread, and a great slab the sausages, of pie. Suddenly it struck me oddly, sharply, that this was the last thing she would ever do for himthe last meal that he would ever eat—and somehow

a tear slipped down my cheek.

I tried to hide it, tried to remember that I was a reporter and should have no emotion. I should see

only copy, copy, copy, but it was no use.

The woman, looking up, saw the tears and for a moment stared as if bewildered, then into her dimeyes there leaped a flame that seemed to sear my very soul, and, crumpling in a heap, she rocked back and forth on the floor, her head against her knees, crying "Ai!" with that strange note of agony that one hears from those of her race. A cry whose anguish finally found vent in words: "God save him—God save him—have you no mercy? He is my husband—my man!" Then came the tears, not the tears that heal but the agonized, awful drops wrung from a breaking heart, and the little girl with her unchildlike face went over to the table and took up the task of putting clean papers over the basket to keep the food from the rain.

It was good copy—oh, very good copy.

I WISH I thought I could sleep. If I were a man I'd go out and get drunk. But then, perhaps, if I were a man I wouldn't see the shadow of the gibbet growing in the dawn.

If I don't put the light out the landlady will give me the deuce in the morning—but the shadows! Oh, I wish I wasn't a reporter—I hate it, I hate it. Added to that, the rain ruined my suit, and it will cost me a dollar to have it pressed just after all I have spent moving into this

new room—doggone the luck.

October 14—After the rain, sunshine; after tears, laughter and the lights. Last night my heart ached, to-night

I love the good old office and the comradeship and life and everything. It's been a red-letter day. I was sent to get an elopement story, and the little bride was so sweet and so young, and the young husband so proud and so belligerently sure that he could support her despite unforgiving parents that happiness fairly radiated from them.

I felt for a while as if I had a part of their happiness all enwrapt me in a maze of dreams and tenderness, and I'll bet my story will make all the sentimental old ladies weep with joy. Then J— asked me to go to a show with him. J— is a great dear, the star of the office. and has a brusque little cheery air that delights me, even though it ruffles my dignity frightfully. It takes so long to get used to the familiarity of the men, but I suppose

For a moment, when he asked me for to-night, I had a panicky feeling that, like the immortal Flora, I had nothing to wear, but I said I'd go. I'm glad I bought a new hat, for it gave me a chance to take all my week's lunch money for a blouse. (I used to call them all waists, but I've learned better now.)

THE show was great, and afterward we had "lobster and champagne" at a café. It would sound frightfully nicked at home, but newspaper work widens the horizon and breaks down the narrow walls of old prejudices, an Lands of oreaks down the narrow walls of old prejudices, and breaks champagne not a sinful drink but a bit of the bub. Aling effervescence of life; a part of the lights and the music of youth—and love perhaps. At any rate, I had a peach of a time. My news instinct wove a thousand stories. about the men and women who sat near us. The must and the glamour got into my blood, and J— is certainly awfully good looking; oh, it was by far the bestime I've ever had. Such a different time from the would be a such a such a different time from the would be a such as the such be Bohemian gatherings in studios that I have been to during these past two years. I'm glad I can afford pretter clothes now—they'll come in handy. I wish I didn't have a guilty little feeling down in my heart some place. I sort of know I wouldn't show this part of my diary to Dad but then I wouldn't show any of it, so why fret? Dad but then I wouldn't show any of it, so why fret?

I'm glad J—— and I work in the same office; I won

have to connive at ways to see him, as seems me a necessity among newspaper girls, for days off are fer and far between and formal visits almost out of the

OCTOBER 20-My head aches, so does my pride. bruised and angry. Newspaper work is no sort of thing for a girl to embark on. It isn't a literary career; it's just plain grind for copy. It's full of jagged rocks, over which you have to walk with naked feet, and if you w people laugh.

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Even J—— laughed.

The hermit didn't, though, and it was all because the shirt-waist makers are on strike. I went down to get a feature story about the pickets, but I couldn't see any. I saw some of the "scabs," however—such sullen, furtive-looking girls—and I stopped one and asked her if she could point out a picket. And then—oh, it makes me sick to remember it—a burly policeman came up and grabbed me and hauled me off, hollering about "interfering." I begged the girl to explain, but she just jeered at me and said something in Yiddish, and the patrol came—faugh—I can't even write of that ride—right through town.

The magistrate's court was so full and so dirty and such horrible women crowded near me.

The fat policeman said I was a picket and was interfering with the girls, and I forgot and shouted: "I'm not, I'm a reporter," and everybody roared with laughter, and I could feel myself turn beet color. Then the magistrate asked my name and looked at my police card, which certified to my being a "duly accredited reporter."

Then he said: "What were you after?" And I, too scared to be dignified, said: "I wanted to ask the pickets how it felt to be arrested," and, of course, everybody laughed again till the magistrate got mad and shouted for order. I knew I was going to cry, and I was so alone—it was hideous—the was going to cry, and I was so alone—it was hideous—the

to be arrested," and, of course, everybody laughed again till the magistrate got mad and shouted for order. I knew I was going to cry, and I was so alone—it was hideous—the jeering faces, the cracked walls of the narrow room, and the judge with his mouth dribbled over with tobacco juice. Then quite suddenly a voice back of me said:

"Hey, Sam, I'm going to take Miss G—— out of this, and you tell that gazabo of a fat-head cop to let newspaper folk alone, will you?" And there behind me was the hermit!

They call him that at the office because he never gets drunk, and lives at home with his mother and reads a lot. He writes editorials, and I don't know him very well, but I could have hugged him then, and I clung—yes, I clung to him and cried, like a fool, and he put his arm around my shoulders and took me out and put me in a taxi.

THE magistrate seemed to know him pretty well, for he came out and apologized, but he laughed too. The hermit never even smiled—bless him. He just sat there patting my hands and telling me I was a trump, and I could get bully copy for a real picket story out of it, till I began to feel pleased again.

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It was a good story, but everybody I pass on the street now seems to look at me curiously, and I have an awful feeling that they may have seen me in the patrol. I'll certainly never wear that hat again.

They nicknamed me the "jailbird" at the office, and it huts. I wish J—— hadn't thought it such a joke.

I wish, too, that I hadn't clung to the hermit and cried—he must think me such a fool. I guess I am, though. He doesn't like women anyway.

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October 24—I've been too busy the last day or so to write much, and the poor old diary has been neglected.

J—and I were out together again last night; had dinner and went to the theatre, and generally pretended we belonged to the "idle rich." I keep liking him more and more, except that I wish he didn't drink so much. His more, except that I wish he didn't drink so much. His eyes get so queer and swimmy—if there is such a word—that it gives me a panicky feeling in my heart. But—oh well, I suppose I'm not the first girl who has fallen love with a man in the office. I know it's against all ethic. I don't even know anything about his people or his sociatatus, and—what is perhaps the greatest revelation of all anent my newspaper growth—I've never dared to ask him if he went to church: I'm afraid he'd laugh.

Still, those things don't seem to matter; all I can feel is that he is J——, whose desk is right by mine, and, after all, that's enough. Besides, it's certainly great to have somebody who looks nice to take me around places and give me a good time—I'm so sick of the deadly twaddle of the boarding-house dinner table.

October 28—The hermit loaned me two dandy books to read—said I might be lonely on my evenings off. It made me feel guilty, though, for "evenings off" are always spent at the theatre or at cafés. After all, a girl who lives in a boarding house has to take her pleasure that way—it's the fault of circumstances, not of me.

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I'M GETTING awfully thin and I'm tired; I wish I could take a week off. I'd like to be away from J—, too, for a little while and analyze my feeling for him.

I can't, though, for there's a rumor that a big car strike is coming, and if it does we'll all be on duty all the time, even poor little me. I wish I was a "sassiety" reporter or on the woman's page—they have a perfect cinch, back in their little room away from all the hurly-burly and the



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rush; but nobody seems to think of them as newspaper women; they're dilettantes at it.

Heigh-ho, I wish I knew where I could raise twenty-five dollars. I'm in debt to that amount for a new evening dress, and, then, I loaned ten dollars to a man at the office, and now he's left—so has my ten—for that is the chivalry of the average newspaper man to his feminine confrère. Thank goodness, J— isn't like that.

October 30—Hallowe'en—at home the houses are gay with jack-o'-lanterns and great stacks of corn. Quaintly garbed men and girls are dancing in the barns and leading laughing parades through the streets. It is holiday time, and the carnival spirit is abroad. It is here in town, too, but in a rougher fashion; however, it's fun doesn't touch me to-night, I'm too tired. touch me to-night, I'm too tired.

I INTERVIEWED a girl shoplifter in her cell to-day. I'd been in the court room lots of times before, but I'd never seen the cell room. It made me shiver. Even the sunshine that came in at a window at the end seemed lurid instead of cheerful—and those horrible cages! There was a drunken woman cursing in one, and, from the cell next to the girl I was talking to, the keeper of a house of ill repute was urging a girl runaway to take up the life she led, promising to get her out of jail if she did. "There's money in it. Money in it," she kept repeating

There's money in it. Money in it, she kept repeating till the police silenced her.

The girl I interviewed has stolen from stores and mulcted them out of much more by faking a "charge order." She was about my age, beautifully dressed, though somewhat mussed and tired from a sleepless night on the

cot in her cell, and her eyes were sullen and shifting, but full of tragic despair.

She wouldn't talk at first, but finally she caught my wrist and cried out quickly, her words fairly stumbling

over each other:

"S'pose you loved a feller, and he wanted you to look like other dames. Suppose you lived in a miserable hole with never a decent rag to your back. And it was just dead easy to get things. Silky things to rub your skin and soft clothes to touch, and to make you pretty—for him—would you be honest?"

Would you be

honest?"

Her question rent a veil from my eyes, and I remembered—I had padded my expense account this very week to help me pay for that evening dress to wear for J——. Honest? We were alike, she and I—I knew it.

The woman's instinct to sacrifice even honor for the sake of being beautiful in the sight of the one man was as great in her stunted soul as in mine, and on impulse I told her what I'd done.

WE BOTH cried a little, I think; then she told me

about her life.

It was a peach of a story, one of the best I've written. I'm going to cut the amount that I padded my expenses off of my next week's slip. I don't care if I am in debt,

I'm going to play—square.

November 2—There is going to be a strike. It will be called to-night. I could cry with disappointment, and yet

I'm wildly happy.

I was going out with J—. (I've fixed my day off so that it comes the same time as his, for that gives us all day long and the evening together.)

We were both notified, however, at noon to be on duty

at six o'clock. They wanted a feature story of waiting for the strike and the crowds, and, of course, I had to

do it.

J— came over in the afternoon, railing bitterly against fate, and when I said that I was disappointed too, he caught my hands in his and—kissed me.

Oh, he is so dear and I am so happy. What do I care about strikes and the outside world now that I'm engaged? Engaged? I'm not quite sure. J— didn't say anything about that, but, like the girl in the song, I'm content, for "he gi'd me a kiss and his love for ay—"

NOVEMBER 3—Awfully tired. I've sat for hours with a

head 'phone on, taking stuff from district men. Riots, accidents, mass meetings, rumors—all kinds of news that spells strike in a great city. News that makes the "copy"

spells strike in a great city.

Nowadays.

Once I heard two shots and a scream, and the man I was talking to dropped the receiver and ran. I couldn't get any answer after that. I shouted, prayed, called for some one to respond, and finally, after ten minutes, a voice said: "What are you hollerin' for? The feller beat it to see who was shot."

Later I got the story, but, believe me, if there is anything more maddening to rasped nerves than an open

thing more maddening to rasped nerves than an open phone with nobody at the other end and a strike holding the city in thrall, I don't know it.

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The hermit brought me home to-night; he says, with so much rioting and no cars to ride on, a girl must be careful. A girl! I'd almost forgotten I was one. I wish it had been J— who brought me home. But he went off to the club with two of the copy readers.

NOVEMBER 4—I am a near heroine! I rode on a scab car right through the heart of the strike district—but nothing happened. There were two policemen with heavy re-

ing happened. There were two policemen with heavy revolvers on the front platform and two on the back, and only one nervous man and myself on board.

The first couple of squares were without incident, then suddenly a small boy yelled: "Gee, there's a loidy on the car!" and everybody ran to look and even followed us for a while, eager, I suppose, to see me hit with a brick. But when nothing happened, they gave up the chase and took to other pursuits in more riotous districts.

F OR quite a while we jolted along quietly, going slower and slower, until finally we stopped, and the police, the motor man, and conductor held a conference, after which they approached me in a body and said, like a Greek chorus that hasn't been well rehearsed:

"Would youse mind getting on the floor of the car? We're getting in the bad section of the run."

The nervous old man, my fellow passenger, dropped at once, breathing out disjointed oaths and prayers mingled with a gen.ral invective against all unions, and after a little persuasion, just to pretend I wasn't scared, I got on the floor too. Broke the aigrette in my hat, too, darn it! I've half a mind to put it on my expense bill.

It was awfully dirty on the floor, and to save my life I couldn't help my feminine curiosity getting the better of me, and I kept popping up to cry, soundlessly: "Sister

I couldn't help my feminine curiosity getting the better of me, and I kept popping up to cry, soundlessly: "Sister Ann, Sister Ann, do you see a brick coming?" And every time I did the conductor would yell with heartfelt fervency: "For the love o' Heaven! g'down, g'down!"

At last they saw a crowd ahead, and we were afraid to go on. The police belligerently suggested going to 'phone for help, but the conductor clung tearfully to their coat tails and insisted upon their presence on the car, while the motor man muttered with livid lips that one burly man had waved a bomb in our direction just before he stopped.

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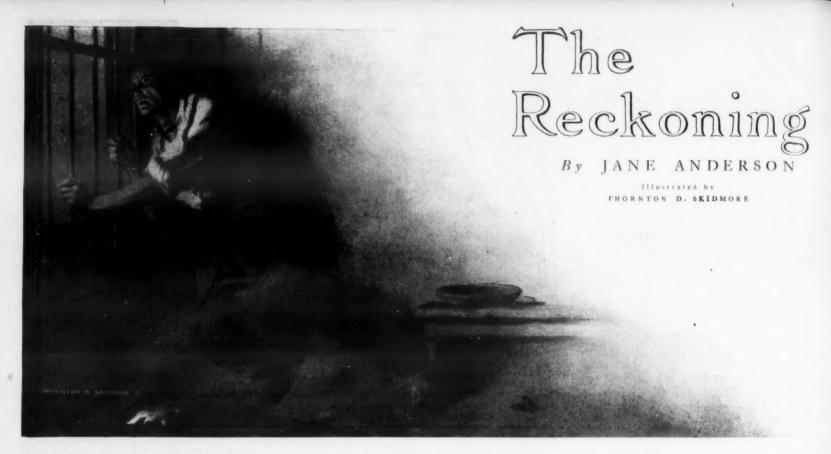
Fear spread to all of us. The nervous old man openly prayed, the police looked to their revolvers, and there was a "you-may-fire-when-ready-Gridley" look in their eyes when they finally gave the order to go on—and on we went. But alas for thrills! The crowd was only a group of C. E. workers trying to get home from a religious

meeting.

I wish somebody had dynamited something. It was too frightfully tame, especially when bully riots occurred

I T ISN'T such exciting sport being a reporter as most people think. The men have all the fun. I wish I wasn't a woman anyhow—no I don't either, because there's J—

The hermit raised an awful fuss because I went. Swore at the editor and said it was an outrage. I wish J—had. At least, I did wish he had been worried or objected, had. At least, I did wish he had been with me to-night and was a little sore till he walked home with me to-night and told me the only reason he kept quiet was so the office (Concluded on page 27)



HERE are more pleasant daily occupations than to sit behind bars and stare into the filthy patio of the county jail at Cochina, Arizona. Bill Cameron had done this for five months and twenty-eight days. When a man has lived in the saddle for the eight days. When a man has lived in the saddle for the better part of thirty years and has come to understand the desert, this form of exquisite torture robs the nether regions of all terror. That Bill had committed no crime added piquancy to his position. Somebody had been guilty of hair-branding a hundred strays that rightfully belonged in the herd of a powerful cattle man; and somebody had to suffer. Bill, being a stranger in that section, and unable to prove a water-tight alibi, had section, and unable to prove a water-tight alibi, had been sent up for six months. The authorities felt that it was time to make an example; and when the judge is of this opinion, circumstantial evidence can be stretched so that it covers a great deal of ground.

As the tan whitened on Bill's cheek bones, and the skin on his hands softened like a woman's, he thought a great deal concerning these things. From getting up to lying down, he watched the scurrying mice in his cell and the criminal skulls of the Mexicans in the patio. But he gave them no thought; he was building and re-jecting one plan after another. Somewhere outside, with his burros and prospecting outfit, were two six-shooters. It was his ambition to empty one of these into Ramón the sheriff. He would have preferred to have Ramón with the judge and jury, put away for six months in the jail that they might meditate; but this was obviously impossible for a man with no worldly wealth beyond two burros and the outfitting appurtenances thereof. He had abandoned any hope of reopening the case.

H IS hatred centered around Ramon for two reasons Added to this, he hated him instinctively—which is stronger than any reasoning. In the first place, Bill classed him as a Cholo, and it is a white man's duty to despise the breed; secondly, Bill believed that he knew more about the matter of hair-branding than he chose He had no grounds for this save that Ramon had shown him every meager courtesy possible during his sentence. In reality, Ramon was high-caste Castilian, which differs from Cholo like wine from pulque; and he was genuinely concerned over the prisoner in Number Ten, who sat all day behind his bars, his left hand over his mouth and his eyes on the clamorous patio. But ceaseless thinking, shut off from sun and air, is apt to turn the brain into very devious and

Bill was the only prisoner sufficiently dangerous to be Bill was the only prisoner sufficiently dangerous to be locked in a cell. This was singular, in that he was the only gringo, at present, under the heel of Cochina justice. The patio was overflowing with Cholos—that output of border-line civilization which is neither Yuma Indian, low-caste Mexican, nor degenerate white blood, but an abominable fusion of the three. Every swaggering mestico serving time could boast at least one notch ing mestizo serving time could boast at least one notch on his gun butt, while Bill's six-shooters were as clean as the day they came across the counter, a fact of which he was proud. But in the West cattle stealing is the second great crime; murder is the third.

Bill had never spoken to the mob in the patio, although in the first month he had longed for the appearance of a white man's face among them. He no longer than the systing of the great looks at your force.

waited for the grating of the gate locks at noon, fore-telling visitors, or for the inevitable scrambling forward At first their adroit smuggling in pulque and such delicacies had interested him; but that,

too, had become a part of the monotonous jail régime But when there were but two remaining days of his sentence, trivial incidents became momentous experiences. All morning he watched everything with the eager anticipation of a child. He waited at noon for the turn of the gate key; it was through that gate that he would enter again the mysterious outside world. When the visitors were gone the Cholos crowded back into the patio, gabbling. One, a lean-faced Yuma, separated himself from the others and threw himself down on the floor opposite Number Ten. He drew from his shirt a roll of cigarettes and a cluster of Mexican matches.

BILL looked at the straw and paper litter in the patio, at the four flimsy walls inclosing it. "Want to bake us in here—like an ovenful of pigs?" he asked, and the prisoners came pattering from all quarters. It was as if a mute had lifted up his voice.

The Yuma ripped off a match from the cluster; the tiny sound was magnified in the silence. He lighted the cigarette, inhaling and exhaling luxuriously. The others

thy sound was magnined in the stience. Fre lighted the cigarette, inhaling and exhaling luxuriously. The others looked on with hungry eyes. They pressed around him entreatingly, babbling their jargon. He blew the smoke in their faces and watched their quivering nostrils. "Cholo to the last," Bill muttered.

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Only a mestizo who lights one black eigarette with another during his waking hours and places a handful of them within reach of his blanket at night can understand the frenzy that descended upon the patio. The men fell on the Yuma, trampling him and his treasure under foot. They fought whatever their hands touched, enemy or friend, as if every man concealed under his shirt the treasure they sought. Bill watched them, criming

The lighted cigarette had been kicked into a heap of straw, which smoked and gradually flickered into flame. Little yellow tongues of fire flashed up the planking and were sucked into the drafty cracks. The crowd jabbered and struggled, unseeing; and the flames widened over one wall. Big drops of resin trickled like sweat down the boards. One of the men disentangled himself and, seeing the burning wall, stood beating hands against his breast, his mouth hanging open. 's smoke bellowed out into the patio.

"Lumbre! Lumbre!"
Bill saw two hands of fire creeping, snakelike, across the floor. The prisoners scattered, wailing.
"Beat on the gates and yell!" Bill ordered, straining against his bars. But the Cholos ran about like chickens and twisted their serapes around their heads, smothering their straining their serapes.

BILL threw all of his strength against the bars. Two B of them bent under his hands and, in the glare, he saw the flakes of rust that fell to the floor. Rats ran, saw the flakes of rust that fell to the floor. Rats ran, terrified, into the flames, and a snake writhed across a bed of hot straw. The place was filled with smoke so that Bill was cut off from the Cholos, save for their muffled crying. He clung to the bars. They did not yield, but they burned his hands like branding irons. "Beat on the gates, you cowards!" He could hear them whimpering in a corner. "Then die like men, you saddle-colored—"

He heard voices in the passage and running feet. Ramón was swearing over the lock. The gate clanged open, and Bill saw him dragging the Cholos across the Other men helped him; and outside in the street was shouting.

"That is all," Ramón gasped. "Here!" Bill shouted. Then he heard the footsteps die out in the passageway.

He waited, opening and shutting his mouth over soundless curses. He watched the walls around him turn into flame, with brighter gaps for the doorways. He no longer struggled with the bars. He was concentrated on a flame darting fitfully through the cell door above his head. When a man faces a lingering death, it is said that he totals the incidents of his life; but the flame fascinated Bill and he could think of nothing else. flame fascinated Bill and he could think of nothing else

saw a man battling toward him with a wet blanket

that blazed on the corners.

"You got my key?"
The five seconds it took to turn the key in the lock were a century. Ramón pried Bill's hands from the bars and he stepped into the patio. Ramón staggered and Bill propelled him toward the gate with his body, since his hands were useless. They fled through the passage. Bill could hear a sudden crashing in the cells behind them.

The prisoners were huddled on the benches in the The prisoners were huddled on the benches in the court room, which was at the end of the hall; and Bill was left to guard them. Ramón had placed his six-shooter on the judge's platform and, watching beside it, Bill remembered his intriguing. Above the clamor and the hissing of water on the jail roof he could hear Ramón directing. The sound of his voice never failed to turn Bill's eyes to the gun. Unsatisfied vengeance does not discessibly neither does the memory of six does not die easily; neither does the memory of six months' torture. But it is one thing to nourish hatred for the man who carries the keys of your cell and another to shoot down the man who has saved your life. Bill considered these things, his eyes on the mourning Cholos and his ears ringing with the battle outside

TWILIGHT Ramon came into the court room. AT TWILIGHT Ramón came into the cour He was blackened with grime and smoke. over," he said to Bill.

"Anybody hurt?"

"One of the deputies—a broken leg. It happened when the roof fell." Two undersheriffs came in and he signaled them to mount guard. "Come outside and look." Bill followed him across the room. From the "Come outside and doorway he saw the curious crowd in the street and shrank back, overwhelmed at facing them. He was ashamed and craved the isolation of his cell. The knowledge of his innocence did not sustain him; only the guilty can brazenly face condemnation. But the sunlight on the sandy courtyard would have carried him forward in the face of greater danger than a crowd

agape before the foundations of a jail. He stood beside the sheriff and surveyed the ruins.

"It is a good thing," Ramón said at last. "They will build a new one now. I have tried to get them to before." He sighed, and Bill saw that his hands were unaccountably trembling. "Bette gone down before things like this-"Better men than I have

"I don't get you

"It means my resignation, of course," Ramon said quietly. "I let the matches get past me into the patio. But I have saved them the trouble of accusing me."

Bill looked at him and saw that the star was missing from his shirt. "I don't see why you had to get out," he said awkwardly. But he knew that only by a miracle could a Spaniard be elected to office; and that, once installed, he would ever be accepted in watchful tol-

"I never would have been sheriff if the man running

against me had been a gringo—any sort of gringo."

Bill turned back toward the courthouse. "Where you goin' to put us to-night? Number Ten looks like a handful of ashes.

The others will bunk, somehow, in the courthouse. Your time is out."

Your time is out."
"One more day," Bill said, filling his lungs with the smoke-laden air while there was time. He followed Ramón into the sheriff's office and stood at the dirty window watching the crowd, conscious of a vague pity for them because they knew nothing of the value of their freedom. Apart from the others stood a woman with a fretful child loosely clasped in the curve of her

arm. Bill turned away quickly.
"Smoke?" Ramón put cigars and a handful of cigarettes on the table. "There is a new pipe in that left drawer—if you want to break it in."

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m ILL}}$ accepted a cigarette. He wanted the pipe; but he would not have taken the cigarette if it had been humanly possible to refuse it. He tried to strike a

"Caramba!" murmured Ramón. He insisted upon bandaging Bill's hands. He did it clumsily, first spreading raices salve on the blistered palms. Bill endured the service in embarrassed silence. He lighted the cigarette with difficulty and consumed it in furious puffs that stung his unaccustomed tongue. Six months is a long time without tobacco.

Ramón gave him his papers of release, his unopened wallet, and the two six-shooters. "The remainder of your property is locked in the corral—also your burros. The last day of your time we will mark off for good behavior.

Bill accepted his freedom in silence.
"Have you-have you seen yourself?" Ramón asked nervously. "What?"

'Look in the mirror back of you, señor."

Bill turned to the cracked glass on the wall. "God!" he said. He fumbled his bandaged hands over his hair. Men speak too lightly of hair that whitens in hours of suffering.

"Was it black—yesterday?" he asked, his eyes fascinated by the singed gray above his temples.

The memory of his watching and waiting came over Bill. It was merciful, as all imagination of pain must be, but it sufficed to make him understand what Ramón had done. He saw his face turn white in the mirror.
"You came in the nick of time—to get me out-

Ramón sorted some papers noisily. "Say," Bill said suddenly, "could you lemme have that pipe?" It was in such wise that the cornerstone was removed from his secret building.

WHEN he went out to the corral he found his burros fat at the expense of the county. Ignoring his reappearance, they fed stolidly from their overflowing mangers. A horse would overflowing mangers. A horse would have whinnied, dilated his nostrils in have whinnied, dilated his nostrils in welcome, but they soberly ground their feed, eying him through silky, chaffladen lashes. He stroked one of them regretfully. His saddles hung on the stable wall above his outfit. Over the horn of one of them was his hat. He took it down and fingered the familiar brim lovingly. He settled it on miliar brim lovingly. He settled it on his head, and, with the sweatband around his forehead, realized for the first time the fullness of his liberty. Regaining his hat, he ceased to be the prisoner from Number Ten, wandering bareheaded in the courtyard, and took up his life where he had dropped it six months before. He puttered around the corral with ineffectual hands, whistling to himself.

Ramón joined him there. "Will you

leaving?" he asked.
Soon as I can lead these scorpions." Ramón looked out over the dusty town that lay in the hollow below the jail. The fading sunlight illumined one of the hovels, giving it windows of gold. "I would like to get away from this," he said. "Which way do you go?" gold. "I wo this," he said.

"Out on the desert somewhere—any-

"Prospecting?"

"Scoutin' around a bit."
"No wife—no niño?"

Bill looked him over. "No," he said shortly.

Ramón sighed as he watched the sun drop down behind the distant levee. "I wish I could go with you—and get

away for a time."
"Come along," Bill said lifelessly, goaded to it by his obligation.
Ramón laughed. His dark eyes

lighted with the irresponsibility of a boy's. "When do

we leave—when do we return?"
"Come back when you get ready. Leave mañana."
He mouthed the foreign word ironically, but Ramón did not heed.

'Will you come to my house with me for supper?

"Sorry. I'm busy gettin' ready."
"My wife will be—"
"Any young 'uns at your place?" Bill asked eagerly.
Ramon's face clouded. "But come anyway."
"I better go down and give the town a look over,
I reckon. I never had much of a chance to see it," he rplained pointedly.

Ramón went out, closing the corral gate. "Choo Fong's

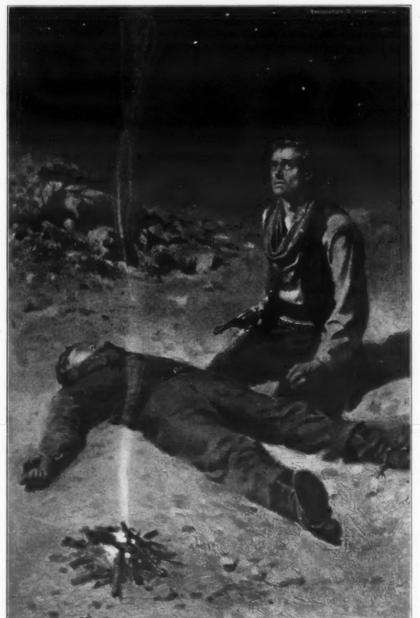
eating place you will find next door to the Nugget."

Bill watched him cross the yard and disappear down the crooked street. He felt a great personal anger against circumstance for making him Ramón's debtor. He hurried away from the corral and went down into the town to get away from the temptation of leading his burros away under cover of night. Men greeted his burros away under cover of night. Men greeted him at the bars without question; the West is not given to inquiry into the past. It is, like all new lands, made up of the world's riffraff, which it is not profitable to analyze. They respect what a man sees fit to disclose, and live only for the present, with the primitiveness and naiveté of children. Bill would have been consoled if some one had remembered him, even insultingly; it is not gratifying to drop out of the world and return to it not gratifying to drop out of the world and return to it unheralded and forgotten. He felt his insignificance in the general scheme and was without ambition to begin anew.

THE next day, toward sundown, Ramón found him at the corral. Bill was glad to see him, and he felt a certain contempt for himself because he had welcomed a Cholo. It would have been better had he "Your hands?" asked Ramón.
"Better. Let's pull out to-night."
"Bueno—at what hour?"
"Right away. You got any grub together?"

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"I have two burros, and the saddles are packed."
"Bacon, coffee, frijoles?"

"I have everything but cooking utensils."
"I've got enough skillets and pots for two."
Ramón brought out his burros from another stall.



The sobs were torn out of the very depths of his being —he was crying over other dead things than the body beside him. The tears powed down his face, but he did not know how to wipe them away. He had had no need of tears

They were a good pair-one of them packed and the other carrying a Mexican saddle, trimmed with silver. Bill mounted and they rode out of the yard together, leading the pack animals. Ramón stopped before an adobe house on a side street. The lawn was overgrown with flowers and orange trees, and through a wide doorway Bill could see a darkened patio where a fountain

caught the light.
Ramón went in, and Bill saw the flutter of a white dress. He waited outside, sick at heart. He turned his eyes toward the distant desert and prayed silently that he might not have to return and take up the burden again. Ramón joined him and they went forward. When they dipped down from the mesa into the cool night shadows of the desert, Ramón took off his hat and night shadows of the desert, Namon took of "Dios," he lifted his hand wearily to his forehead. "Dios," he murmured, "I would that I need never return."

Bill looked at him and at the smear of white powder than the state of the heart. He marveled then

on the dark shirt above his heart. He marveled then as he had marveled at the crowd outside the jail—who had not valued their happiness.

THEY pitched camp at midnight, and Ramón shouldered the heavy work, sparing Bill's hands. After eating, he cleaned up and staked the burros, carefully forestalling any assistance. Bill, watching him, drowsily admitted to himself that he was glad they had started out together. In the months that followed they became friends as only men who love the desert can. Sometimes they rode all day without speaking, absorbed in the cloud shadows on the sand, in the course of the sun that was calendar, timepiece, and guide to them. They prospected when they tired of the saddle, and once in a shallow arroyo they found promising quartz. They sat up all night, feeding their camp fire and spending their up all night, feeding their camp fire and spending their fortune. The next day they went on, unrewarded and content. Such a life is the supreme test of a man. Released from the thumb of civilization, he creates his own standards. He is stripped of artifices and is revealed wholly in such simple tasks as the sharing of camp duties. When Bill's hands were healed, the work was tacitly divided. At one oasis Ramón would scrub out the accumulated wash, at the next Bill would assume this responsibility. this responsibility.

One night Bill brought in a mountain sheep, and they

cut it into strips and hung it on tie ropes stretched be-tween two ironwoods. "We'll have to

hang around and wait till this here jerky dries out."
"Si," said Ramón. He had coaxed a

small lizard from the chaparral and was unsuccessfully training it to stand on its tail in the palm of his hand.
"Grub's holdin' out fine." Bill lighted

his pipe and sat watching the dancing

his pipe and sat watching the dancing shadows in the fire.

"Si. How long have we traveled?"

"Round about four month, I calculate, by the washin' we done." They fell silent and Bill lay on his back, staring up into the purple vault of the sky. They were encircled by low-crested dunes, smooth and silver under a high moon. From the distance he heard the mourning of coveres challenged by the mourning of coyotes, challenged by the call of a young mountain lion in the hills far beyond. A triangular shadow slowly circled the sand around their fire.

Ramón looked up superstitiously. "That is a bad omen," he murmured. "It's a pack o' buzzards after the in-

sides of that sheep."
"But we threw that in the arroyo."

"Well, buzzards make big circles."
But Ramón moved about restlessly.
He finally sat down by Bill and rolled
a cigarette. "Are you happy?" he asked suddenly.

BILL moved nearer the camp fire and propped his head on one hand. "Nobody's happy. The best we can do is to forget, for a little bit, the things we oughter remember.

"But a man cannot stay out here for-ever. Maybe you have nothing on your soul—"

"We all do some things it ain't easant to remember. But I didn't pleasant to remember. But I didn't have nothin' to do with that hairbrandin'.

"I knew it," Ramón said. "But I was powerless."

Bill guiltily remembered his plotting. He had a desire to tell of it and so clean off the slate; but it seemed far away, unreal, and eluded words. But he was suddenly conscious of a need to voice the things that lay next to his heart. He struggled with it, fearing that in the sunlight he would regret. But a need for understanding and sympathy concerns the emotions, and there-fore has nothing to do with reason. Ramon was his friend, nearer and more intimate in the solitude encompassing them. "It's harder to be sinned against than to sin," Bill said slowly, thereby



The Baltimore Affair from Three Angles



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HE Hon. Brad Swivett is home from Baltimore When he stepped off No. 6 on to the stilted wooden platform parallel with the railway tracks cleaving Pigeon Crest, Missouri, he still wore his delegate badge—his alpaca coat pulled tightly over his plump shoulders, for in one side pocket was a book of views, folded concertina-wise, and the other side pocket contained, as a counterweight, two dozen metallic souvenirs for Ella's children.

One of the Lamsey boys took the suit case and Earl Pettit, second son of the county recorder, carried the basket of freestones purchased at St. Louis.

The Hon. Brad catty-cornered to the cool shade

along the front of the Commercial Hotel. Shakitg hands right and left he moved toward the Gem restaurant and ice-cream parlor, a straggling parade gathering behind him. His caneseated throne was waiting under the wooden awning. While removing the coat and hanging it on a bunch of ba nanas, he spoke no



Boss Murphy of New York

word, nor did he smile. Yet those who stood six or eight feet away from him, held somewhat aloof by an instinct of respectful submission, saw the grim light of prophecy in his weary eyes and knew that the compressed lips were olding back a message from the supreme council.

He had been away only two weeks, but he looked five

years older and forty per cent more momentous.

Master Busby, in charge of the fountain at the Gem, came with a tall and clinking beverage for the political baron of Pigeon Crest. The drink was dark in color and spiced with the secret essence of the kola nut—a subtle invigorant still tolerated in the dry belt.

THE Hon. Brad Swivett quaffed it in three gulps, long sustained, and then gazed reflectively at the twinkling globes of ice. Uncle Wes Everill, balancing himself on an upended crate of tomatoes, broke the brief silence: "How about it, Brad?"

And the gallant son of Missouri, still smelling of the smoke of battle, watched the ice melt and spoke as

"We got there of a Monday. Baltimore is a lively town,

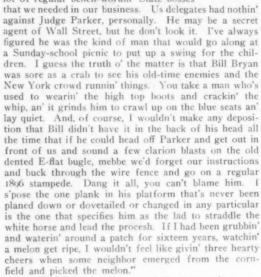
but a good deal different from Saint Louey. The business part is full of tall buildings and crowded on the order of Chicago, but the residence part, where we camped, is the doggonedest-lookin' place you ever see. The houses are packed in together, without any front yards and all of them cut off o' the same piece. I yards and all of them cut off o' the same piece. I guess I saw a million brick dwellin's four stories high, all the brickwork lined out in white and a marble flight o' stairs in front of every blamed house. The principal industry of all the niggers in Baltimore is keepin' the steps clean. The hotels bein' so crowded, six of our delegation went to a private family. We got beds and breakfast for five a day, which'll give you some faint and gropin' idea of what it costs to save the country."

Now, all this was clearly unrelated to the recent ordeal of fire. It looked as if the Hon. Brad Swivett was skirting the issue. Uncle Wes spoke what he alone dared say: "We've been wonderin around here, Brad, how you ever worked yourself up to votin' against

The delegate had been expecting it. He shook his

head mournfully.

"Boys, I guess you know how far I've been willin' to go for William Jennings on any ordinary proposition. We trailed down there to Baltimore with a good many other tried and true Democrats to adopt a platform agreein' in no particular with that gray quit passabled together. lar with that crazy-quilt patched together in Chicago and to nominate Champ Clark for President. I s'pose that four-fifths of all us delegates landed there hopin' we could stave off a family row and go through the week without makin' large gray monkeys of ourselves. All the way down we heard distant rumblin's to the down we heard distant rumblin's to the effect that William J. was goin' to make a fight on Judge Parker for temporary chairman. We hoped it wasn't so. The Judge had been picked out by the National Committee and was backed up by a lot of regular bench-workin' State bosses that we needed in our business. Lie delegate



"He said the money kings and the bosses they own, body and britches, was tryin' to steal the Convention," suggested Ory Cramp, from the doorway. Mr. Cramp is proprietor of the Gem and corresponding secretary

the Jackson Club.
"That's what made it hard for us. We're accustomed

"That's what made it hard for us. We're accustomed to takin' his word on any proposition derogatory to or of Wall Street. But listen, men. We needed considerable over 700 votes to land Champ. That bunch of 90 votes from New York looked bigger than a haystack to us. Could we say to Mr. Murphy: 'Please don't vote for our man becuz you're under suspicion'? I'm for the West against the East, but I'm for votes whereat they're to be trained. Of course wherever they're to be ob-tained. Of course, us plain delegates may not have got on to all that was bein' cooked up in the back rooms, but it galled us to have even Bill Bryan hint around that Champ had hooked up with the same New York millionaires that he's been toastin' for twenty years."

"I'll bet Bryan made 'em set up and take notice," said Uncle Wes "Yes," replied

"Yes," replied Mr. Swivett, "the only thing we felt sure of at all times was that Bill would make another speech in a few minutes. He seemed to come under the head of unfinished business. No matter what was behe was the only thing before the house. Tuesday morning we went up to the Armory, a half mile from where we lived, our badges flutterin' gayly and hope singin' in our hearts, so to speak. We were all deluded into in our hearts, so to speak. We were all deluded into the belief that we could jam through a harmony program and name Clark on the second ballot. By the way, I s'pose that Armory is the biggest building in the world. It's made of stone, with a hump-backed roof, and bein' entirely surrounded by little squatty houses where the niggers live, it was just like Jumbo standin' out in a field with Shetland ponies all around, knee-high. We packed her to the roof and gave a few preliminary hollers an' had a prayer, an' then before we could turn a wheel William Jennings was up in the tall pulpit makin' a fight on the New then before we could turn a wheel William Jennings was up in the tall pulpit makin a fight on the New York crowd. There

we sat, achin' to holler for him and half-believin everything he said. but not darin' to make a move against the fellows we counted on to help us nominate Champ. After he got turned down that day, the word went around that he would be allowed to doctor the platform to his heart's content. In fact, he could have anything he wanted except the nomina-



Ollie James of Kentucky, too busy talking to eat

tion. They started in to placate and the more they placated the hotter he got."

"He was fightin' for a great principle," suggested

Uncle Wes.
"Well, about half the delegates thought so, and the other half figured that the hot weather and the sight of that nomination hangin' some two feet above his of that nomination hangin' some two feet above his reach had worked together to loco him. Still, when it come around to Thursday evening things looked purty harmonious. The contests was settled and the land the harmonious. The contests was settled and the plat-form was on the fire, and all we had to do

was listen to the windjammers, nominate Champ, and start home. I s'pose you read about The hall looked as if it had a million peo ple in it that night. other million collected outside and tried to keep us from gettin' in. I never saw so much illumination. part of that big amphitheatrical arena was just one flare and glare of light, like a tableau in school hall. We had our usual prayer, and then, before we could settle back, William J. had plunked in again with that dynamite resolution against the conniv-in' millionaires. Talk about rough-house! He stood up on the high ground, pale as wax, with electricity snap-pin' all around him ome of us yowlin' him to go ahead, others barkin' up at him like coon dogs



A ferocious delegate





around a sycamore, and a good many more weepin' inwardly and scared blue. The harmony program had seven punctures and a blow-out. We couldn't stand by Champ without buckin' William J., and we couldn't turn down William J. without puttin' our O. K. on Wall Street. But we crawled

out o' that hole. We passed the resolution with the black sheep helpin' to denounce themselves. We sat there all night watchin' the maniacs perform, and staggered away at daylight with Champ holdin' a safe lead on the first ballot. It looked like a cinch. New York was ready to fall in. That would give us 90 at one slap. Then a tall scramble for the band wagon. That's what we dreamt as we lay in rows on our little hospital cots, the sun beatin' down on our smilin' faces. We came back at four o'clock and began votin' again. We voted and rested and voted again. It's all like a bad dream after We came back We voted and

The hall was hotter than a hay-Most of us were half undressed We panted and perspired and polled every fool delegation one thousand times, as near as I can recollect. Somewhere in the noise an' dust, an' between pieces by the band, we saw William J. clinched with Champ. When Damon



started in to swat Pythias, we threw up our hands. Boys, I'm for any ticket labeled Democratic, but I'm shakin' with dread. Let me go home and calm down. I've seen five hundred Democrats, callin' themselves regular and progressive, stand up on their toes and demand the blood of Bill Bryan. I guess the world's comin' to an end."

HELIFTED his coat from the bunch of bananas and moved into the sunlight. The Lamsey boy and Earl Pettit, keeping well behind him, did not dare to break in on his grief.

On the very day which brought the real news to Pigeon Crest, another delegate of a different mold alighted from the Louisville express at the tree-sheltered county-seat known as Juniper, State of Kentucky. Colonel Milo Stansbury wore a gray suit. The coat frock in pattern, but of light fabric and not lined. The coat was a

a coat enabled the Colonel to maintain the outward decencies of the legal profession even in the dog days. His hat was a wide Panama, and his mustache was silvered almost to whiteness.

The Colonel supervised the transfer of the valise from the negro porter to the negro hackman, and made a saluting gesture, with a very rigid forearm, to the station

Two hours later he was on the shady part of the porch with Judge Trueby, Captain Hanchett, and Clay Radbourne, editor of the "Beacon."

At the risk of losing the real "atmosphere" of this stage picture—sunny afternoon, colonial pillars, climbing

vines, and four Kentucky gentlemen in soft colors—it must be recorded that the glasses contained homemade mead, rich with nutmeg and cinnamon, Mrs. Stansbury being away up in the W. C. T. U.

"Gentlemen, he sought to bestride the Democratic party like a Colossus," Colonel Stansbury was saying. "He lectured us, by gad, sir, just as the principal of our high school would go after a lot of unruly boys. His effrontery was amazing; his presumption unlimited; his egotism spectacular. We bore with him patiently, but the situation sir, was most trying." tiently, but the situation, sir, was most trying.

"I couldn't make out from the newspapers just what proof he offered that Ryan and Belmont were trying to dominate the Convention," said Judge Trueby.

"We had no proof. They were of Wall Street, therefore guilty. I hold, sir, that we should have been flat-tered to know that men of large private means and undoubted social emivate means and undoubted social emi-nence were sitting in our midst as delegates. They sought no personal controversy with this rampageous person from Nebraska. They came, as

most of us came, animated by the hope that our beloved party was about to sweep away a faltering and demoralized opposition and assume control of all departments of the Government. Gentlemen, I met these money kings and I had conversation with the so-called 'bosses.' impressed me, sir, as being fair-minded and sin-y devoted to our party. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sullivan,

cerely devoted to our party. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Taggart each gave me assurance of his devotion to the progressive policies advocated by Mr. Bryan. Strangely enough, all three claim Irish antecedents. As they come of warlike stock, I expected to hear them speak bitterly of their antagonist. On the contrary, gentlemen, they bore his insults with incredible humil-

ity. They had no desire to drive him from the party."

The editor allowed that the reunited party was in a kind of a hole.

Hon. Brad Swivett

"Gentlemen, I have been to Baltimore," said the Colonel,

wearily. "I am willing to be in any kind of a hole if Mr. Bryan is not present."

Now, listen to the third voice. The delegate is sitting in a side-bar buggy on a lonesome thread of black roadway that leads across wide billows of prairie. He was one of the battling Wilsonites of South Dakota—the little group that drew on the fighting of the second day. "Boys, he looked bigger to me than ever."

That's what he is saying to the three in blue jumpers ho ran from the shack to head him off. "We traveled all the way to Baltimore to celebrate the

final victory of everything progressive, only to find the front seats occupied by the same old crowd of safe players and money counters. Fought 'em? Of course

Sound and Madness in Baltimore

B.y HONORÉ WILLSIE

ILLUSTRATED BY ROLLIN KIRBY

OISE! Noise! Then, more noise! In infinite volume, infinite persistence apparatus volume, infinite persistence, unending harshness, until the protesting nerves sagged and ceased to respond! This is the first, last, and most persistent sense impression of the Convention at Balti-

Convention Hall was like a giant drum, in which raged hailstorms, and thunder chorus, and strident shriek of wind and tide, raised to ear-shattering force by the hollow echoing of the drum walls.

Add to the noise a constantly flickering anarchy of color that could melt into harmony only when the exhausted eyes refused longer to distinguish between

hausted eyes refused longer to distinguish between pinks and reds, greens and blues, yellows and blacks; walls of yellow, hung with red, white, and blue; galleries packed with clothing and fans of every shade; a border of red, white, and blue on yellow, then on the main floor, a wide swaying ocean of livid pink—human faces upturned toward the speakers' stand. All this never for a moment still, but forever quivering, sliding, swaying, until the evelids closed in protest.

ing, swaying, until the eyelids closed in protest.

Add to the noise and the anarchy of color, heat.

Not the heat of June fields, or even the burning radiation of city pavements, but the heat that could come ly with the hollow drum in the swelter of the sul-y Baltimore summer, filled to capacity with sweating mans, who breathed the same air over and over heat that was tangibly heavy, that was feverishly odor-

ous and utterly enervating.

This was the setting for the Democratic Convention Drama—a queer drama which the audience of ninety millions saw only through the eyes of the handful of pressmen; a drama in which every act, incident, and dialogue was called out of its name and only the deeply initiated could interpret the fable; a drama where not only the audience did not appear, but the chief actors themselves were not present; a strange, mad play, with everyone, from the author to the hired supers, almost tragically intent on his own end in the performance!

The delegates, over a thousand of them, were by way of being the chorus. One must not be deceived by the delegate's own sense of importance into thinking that he was either the hero or the villain. A main characteristic

of the chorus man is to think himself the whole show.

John Henry Smith (which is not his real name),
delegate from a Middle Western State, was plainly discernible from the press

cernible from the press stand. He was a fair type of delegate. Back home he prided himself on being a politician and a business man. He believed in Free Trade as he did in the Ten Commandments. He believed in government by the people; that the Democratic party could give to the peo-ple a chance to govern themselves, and he believed that he was a personal rep-resentative of the desires of the ninety millions. He was a pretty good average delegate, John Henry Smith—he was not in anybody's pay, so he was not so bad



John Henry Smith

pay, so he was not so was as many. He had no straight-cut philosophy of politics, so he was not so intelligent as a few. But he had come to Baltimore intelligent as a few. But he had come to Baltimore with the idea of being square and of helping Democracy to save the country; good enough ideals for any citizen. Smith didn't get the Convention in the large. He was confused and crushed by its welter of details. While the play proceeded, however, his mind worked as well as it could, and in the end his belief in several as well as it could, and in the end his belief in several things was annihilated, which is bad for the average mind. And it was this little mind tragedy of John Henry's, in relation to the big play, that seems significant enough to tell about.

The play was called, to the ninety millions, "A Convention." Its real name was "The Desire for Power." The plot was tied by the play and counterplay of Wilson, the hero; Big Money, the villain, and Bryan, the maker of situations, in this fight for power.

Smith liked the way the play opened up—the band music, Cardinal Gibbons in his scarlet garments, and Bryan with his fine old lion face dominating the assemblage. The first act centered about the choosing of a temporary chairman. John Henry said to himself a temporary chairman. John Henry said to himself that he knew what that meant. It meant the struggle was on between the Progressives and the Conserva-tives. Smith was a cautious man. He couldn't help being a Conservative. The act was well staged and well presented, in spite of the fact that all the actors, except Bryan, were understudies. There were the single strident voices from the speakers' platform, rising well above the continuous hum of the chorus and the supers in the galleries. There were sudden interludes with music from the band; there was action not only when fans and restless bodies marked time, but when, with wild screams and distorted faces, a portion of the as-semblage raged about the hall with banners, umbrellas, hats, and coats waving. There were byplays and clown work and specialties by both understudies and delegates.

And when the act ended the plot was well compli-ted. Smith sighed with satisfaction. He said to him-And when the act clouds acted. Smith sighed with satisfaction. He said to himself: "Bryan loses, Parker wins the temporary chairmanship. The party and free trade and the saving of the country now have a fighting chance." You see, Smith did not get it that the play was symbolic. The words were real words to him. He did not see that the discordant roars of sound that never ended were unmistakable signs that the play was not founded on a fundamental human issue. It was a "made" drama. fundamental human issue. It was a "made" drama. Silence, broken only by cries of pain or joy, is the expression of a fundamental issue. A deep human problem was to be found in Convention Hall. But it was not in the play. It was in the fact that the play



The second act was well launched The second act was well launched when John Henry began to get the idea that there was something not fair in the play: that too much was being said of persons, too little of principles. Then and there Smith decided to give this thought to the He swallowed his Adam's apple thrice and the feet by the chair back abead of

Convention. pulled himself to his feet by the chair back ahead of him. Before his mouth opened the man beside him pulled him back.

What you going to say?" he asked Smith, mildly

"I'm going to ask them what in thunder a Convention is for, anyhow."
"Forget it," said the other man briefly. "You're not supposed to have thoughts; you're nothing but a dele-

Something inside of Smith made a bitter taste in his mouth. "Is that so? What would happen if us delegates walked out?

ould bust this thing wide open 'They'd get another set, honey

commented the original houn' dawg," commented the other man.

"I was sent here," persisted Smith, "to bring the will of the people of my

State to bear on the nomination of the Presidential candidate, and I'm going to tell the fellows a thing or two."

THE other man eyed John Henry keenly. This is a sort of Back-Home-Your-Own-Folks honesty that can move even hirelings if presented at the psychological moment. The other man knew this and kept his hold on Smith's coat.

You delegates are just the black and red men of the game of checkers. You don't move of your own will. Sit still."

Smith sat still, not because the other man told him to, but because he wanted to think

The second act was more picturesque than the first. The noise increased, there was more chorus work, and the understudies were sifting out so that one might at times catch glimpses of principals. The act was many-ned. The scenes were carefully

labeled. Among others, there was the Reports of Committees; otherwise, The Powers Establish Guards on Each Other. Also there was the Seating of Delegates; otherwise called, Setting the Checkerboard. Some of the clown work was extremely primitive, but only the more picturesque for that. One of the pressmen paused, in contemplating his message of the pressmen paused, in contemplating his message to the ninety millions, long enough to throw an annoying fellow pressman crashing to the floor. A wild shriek of the chorus followed this episode, and the brass band, led by Heaven knows what unconscious irony, struck into "America": "Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride!" It was chanting a forgotten dream to deaf ears, and had an element of tracedy in it.

Some of the specialty work was marvelously effective. The blind Senator held the whole company while he spoke of ambitions and ideals which his blind eyes beheld as realities, while to his hearers they were but

tales told by a dreamer.

At the end of the second act all the elements for the climax at the end of the third had been introduced. The chief actors had evolved plot and counterplot against the peace and power of each other. Bryan had planted the whole stage full of situations into which he smilingly dared anyone from Big Money to Chorus to stumble and see what happened. Even the deferential references to the audience, which was paying for the show and which thought the show was for its benefit, were being neglected.

When the third act opened John Henry Smith bit his finger nails, cursed the noise which deprived him of half his thinking power, hung himself by his shoulder

blades from the back of his chair, and talked to himself.
"I was sent up here to vote for the folks back home, and I'll do it, doggone it! What the dickens is all this

red tape about? Messing their fool talk clear across the week. Why don't they let us vote and go home?"

Suddenly he jumped to his feet. "Mr. Chairman—!"
Hands from either side and back of him jerked him into his chair.

"Nobody told you to talk," said the man behind him. "What you think you're doing?"

There was action when with wild screams portions of the assemblage raged about the hall

"Why, you fools, it's simple enough," answered John Henry; "I came up here to vote, to deliver the will of the people."

Forget 'the people'!" said his first guardian. "There

'ain't no such thing'!"

Smith raised his fist; then his sense of humor prevailed, and he sat down. "Say," he said, "this Convention, as a means of delivering the will of those things which you say are not, is just about like this: A bunch of folks wants to send something valuable to a distant place where it can be cashed in—say it's a diamond. They wrap it up in a piece of paper and charter a fifty-two-car freight train, and in the middle of it they put the diamond. Then they all start shoving and pushing and sweating that freight train along the track, by Every few feet they all knock off and have a fight or a drink or both—"
"Sure!" agreed one of the listeners, "and when they

finally get the train there, they find the diamond has been stolen by a fellow who pretended to examine it as an expert."

"Either that," said the man on the other side of Smith, "or else they finally get it there only to find that it was a paste diamond."

"Don't believe for a minute that they are expert enough to recognize a paste," grunted some one.

"Don't you fool yourself," croaked Smith; "there's a diamond expert in every community; and sooner or later

folks get wise to it and use him to beat the crooks at their own game. I'll tell this bunch so, too." "You won't, honey! You'll vote the way we tell you to, and be glad of the chance, and of what comes

your way as a consequence.

Smith flushed a red that burned his very tongue. Suddenly he recognized that he, John Henry Smith, the husband of Mattie, his wife, the father of Johnny Smith, his son, had been marked in the place that never loses its scars. Heedless of the noise that raged to the very roof, heedless of the flaunting, foolish

banners that were carried by, he sprang up in his chair and shot both bony arms above his head. It was the gesture with which

nead. It was the gesture with which ancient men denied Satan, the gesture with which the foundering mariner threatened the heavens with revenge. "Mr. Chairman, I will not cast my vote for Big Money! I will not sell my franchise! I will not go home and..." and

They pulled him down, and few had seen or heard.

The third act went on now, full of sound and madness, signifying nothing, now sullenly, as the exhausted chorus was shoved back and forth in the last hand-to-hand struggle of the understudies. For hours and hours the play continued, until all but the chief actors were in a delirium of exhaustion. Day drifted into night, night melted into dawn, and still the last act whirled on.

I T IS a strange motive force, this lust for power. It is not to be confounded with that force which made Lincoln fight for the Presidency, nor with that which made the Nazarene sway His multitudes, nor with that which drove Joan of Arc from her orchard and spinning wheel. The lust for power has its roots in self, and though it often makes for a certain

heroism, it never tears its roots from self, nor sacrifices self except in overreaching. That other force is from without or above, or from wherever it is that comes the justice that is greater than mercy, the charity which is greater than justice, the sacrifice which sees beyond humanity. Our human instinct for recognizing the force while it is in action is never good. Almost always we crucify those who are its instruments. Yet there is nothing in this we call life for which we look so eagerly; or so yearn over after we have destroyed it.

We like to say that the times produce the needed

Yet in our bewildered hearts we know that never men. Yet in our bewildered hearts we know that never has there been a time that did not need the Nazarene, or the Lincoln, or the Joan of Arc. The eyes of the ninety million turned hopefully, wistfully, toward the Play at Baltimore. Perhaps the Force was working there. But to one who was not initiated it seemed as if the whole great company, drunk with sight of Power, had

Loosed wild tongues that held not Thee in awe, Such boasting as the Gentiles use, Or lesser tribes without the Law.

John Henry Smith rehung himself on his chair back





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Bryan Says "Boo!"

was to make men so nervous and hateful was to make men so nervous and hateful that now and then fists were flying. It caused "Alfalfa Bill" Murry of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, to stand in his chair and in sincere drawl of "the real stuff" say to the Convention in a personal, friendly way, but in a voice that caused men to stare silently at the lean, stoop-shouldered figure: "There's one thing I know—Oklahoma ain't goin' to follow Tammany Hall!"

The effect of the "Boo!" was to cause Mr. Hearst to eat some of his meals with a thoughtful expression on his face. It made language hot and glances red. Chicago had been a ceremony of gloom; Baltimore at times rose to the height of a Donnybrook!

It was a deadlock affair; Mr. Bryan found it chained. He let it calm down a moment; then, peeping out with a faint grin on his straight slit of mouth, he said: "Boo!"

"Lord! what was that!" yelped the Convention, and, seeing Bryan, made a leap at him.

N O one knew exactly what he was trying to accomplish, other than saving the party from piracy on the part of the "interests," and fitting to it a Progressive suit of the latest cut. Men, however, wanted to kill him; some, who had once been his disciples, talked of him as if he were the Original Pest. The Commoner had become an Uncommoner. And, whenever they tried to exterminate Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan screamed for his "gang"—the People. Then there would be a rush to "get off" Mr. Bryan and "let him up." It was new comedy in politics; the like of it had never been seen.

Coincident with it, another remarkable

Coincident with it, another remarkable and perhaps inspiring fact became obvious as the ballots from the first to the fortieth proceeded. Hardly a roll call came upon which Woodrow Wilson did not gain strength.

strength.

There was no melodrama about this gathering of impetus; there was nothing sensational about it. It took time. On the first ballot the Governor of New Jersey had 324 votes; at the thirtieth he had passed Clark; at the thirty-fifth he had climbed to 494½. He went above 500 at the forties. As the nominating ballot approached he had climbed to 633.

This was not "collities".

This was not "politics."
This was not trading.
This was not oratory or demonstrations.
It was the Country—out yonder.

PERHAPS for the first time in history

PERHAPS for the first time in history the country was exerting pressure on a convention in session!

"Stay till Wilson is nominated," said one telegram from "constituents" to a delegation. "If you need expense money, will mortgage our furniture and pawn our clothes and send it. . . Wire votes at our expense." "If you want to come back to live in this town, vote for Wilson," said another. said another.

There were three significant things about the Baltimore Convention:
The simple power of its master.
The character of its nominee.
The part that public opinion played in its deliberations.

The part that public opinion played in its deliberations.

The Commoner, through the years of his habitual candidacy, endeavored to make a people respond to his ideas; in 1912 he had with full sincerity responded to theirs. As a fighter for himself he had shown weakness; as a fighter for others—the rank and file of his party—he now showed the fullness of his strength. In 1896 he stormed fame with oratory; oratory was not his power in 1912. In 1900 he had learned old-fashioned politics; old-fashioned politics was not his staff at Baltimore. At Baltimore Mr. Bryan's strength was built out of the qualities of judging the sentiment of the people, of keeping his own counsels, of being patient under abuse and cool under fire, of deceiving the enemy by his simplicity, just as Roosevelt deceives and confuses the enemy by his simplicity; of calling out in a loud, clear voice at the right time for the support of honest men and of refusing to compromise a wrong.

To those who enion that which is stir-

for the support of honest men and of refusing to compromise a wrong.

To those who enjoy that which is stirring and dramatic in human faces and
personalities, the Baltimore Convention
would have furnished a rich return of interest had it had only one personality in
attendance and one face in the hall. To
understand this it must be comprehended
that Mr. Bryan was playing a lone hand
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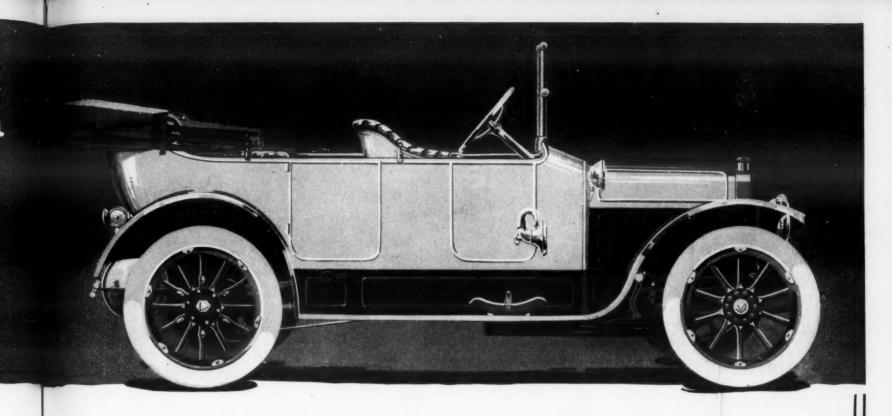
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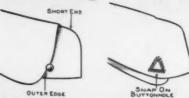
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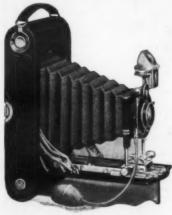
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Tammany Overheard

" What right has a -- schoolmaster mixing up in politics?"

in the midst of delegates who, in spite of his title to the honor, had formally rejected his leadership even as a chairman. He was no longer the man who by oratory swayed a gathering off its feet; he was no longer a man who had the emotional following of his party. Hisses greeted him, Hate looked at him out of the eyes of those who saw in him an obstacle. Yet from first to last, sitting in the seat of a delegate with his palm-leaf fan, without a tremor in his finger throughout the long and fierce battle, with a little of his consciousness of power playing at the corners of his mouth, and with the light springing up in his eyes as the few who came to greet him touched his shoulder, Mr. Bryan was the figure of a master. A seasoned veteran, or perhaps an inspired genius, he rose occasionally and punctuated the course of the Democratic Convention without a mistake of strategy. When the power of the people was needed, Bryan called aloud. His voice then became the voice of a magician! Those who hated him feared him; those who reviled him reviled a figure of stone. For some understandings he was too large. Men of small motives, small manners, and small morals not only do not understand men larger than they. They can not understand such men.

The second significant thing about the Convention was its nominee.

Wilson is fifty-six years old. He has spent a lifetime in teaching; he is the "Schoolmaster" that they call him. But that in itself is significant. A man who has been but three years in politics is a new kind of candidate for the Presidency!

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With this fact one may be startled and anxious, or with this fact one may be inspired and hopeful. It depends upon one's imagination. It depends upon Wilson. The rank and file of Democracy wanted him. They believed him honest. They believed him efficient. He had a short record, but they liked it.

That was the final significant and vital thing about the struggle in Baltimore. The nomination was made by pressure from without. Until the Convention met many of the rank and file and many of the delegates who represented them did not know that after all Woodrow Wilson was the man they wanted. They learned it little by little; they found expression for the idea; they forced their point.

WILSON'S fight before the Conven-WILSON'S fight before the Convention was won not by revolution; it was won by evolution. In it, demonstrations and sensations did not count. Votes came in ones and twos, then in dozen lots—at last the avalanche. Whatever Mr. Bryan thought of it, he had beaten the "gang" to a frazzle, and he still wore the smile of the sphinx.

The Baltimore Affair from Three Angles

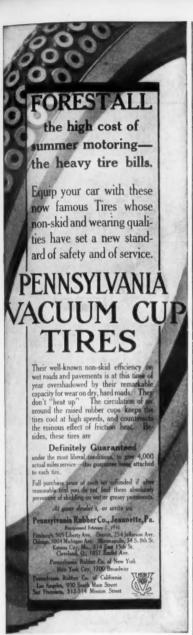
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he fought 'em, from the drop of the hat. All they wanted to do with him was sew him up in burlap and bury him under the weeping willows. We all wanted harmony, but lookin' back at it, boys, I begin to perceive that you can't expect sheep and goats to bleat in the same key. It started with a skirmish and finished with a massacre. The people had won a great big victory. In the hour of triumph they were politely requested to stand aside and let the boys lookin' for meal tickets take charge of the jubilee. And becuz William Jennings rose up and demanded a real progressive candidate, he was called a disturbing element. Mr. Murphy wanted a man who would look like a progressive from the front, but who could be counted on to leave the back door

open and receive friendly calls from the boys who gave him the votes. We didn't want anybody who was in cahoots with Murphy because we never heard of Murphy workin' for anybody but himself. We wanted the only big caliber progressive statesman in sight. And we got him. But we had to fight all the way."

Charley Borklen, foreman of the traction plowers, said that he guessed New York Democrats must be funny to look at.

"I felt sorry for some of them," said the delegate. "Here's a man with a ninety-dollar suit an' a pleated shirt, his whiskers trimmed, nails polished, two automobiles, wife owns a dog, house full of servants—and yet anybody walkin' upstreet with him is under suspicion. Gittep!"



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Sound and Madness

after each roll call. They made him vote as they told him. They forced him, not with bribes, but by exhausting him. After a time he ceased to wonder what Mattie would say to him and how the folks back home would talk of him. He just hung himself on his chair back and let his nerves sag under the chaos of noise. Once in a while he wandered out and got a drink. At such a time he met a white-haired old delegate from an Eastern State. To him John Henry spoke incoherently of the Convention as he had found it. The old man nodded.

"I know. I've been going to Conventions for thirty years. I wouldn't any more miss one than I'd miss celebrating my wedding anniversary. And the thing that keeps me going to them is that I'm hoping some day to see a great man come out of one. I just want to see how the man would act and how the Convention would act. I'm getting along pretty old now, and I haven't seen the real thing yet, though I've been awful near it. I've got my eye on Wilson here. There's no doubt but he's a fine man. What I want to know is if he's a great one. Maybe Bryan is too."

smith shook his head. "I'm afraid either of them would break up the party."
"Pshaw, son! A man don't break up a party. Its actually busted up long before he gets the credit for it. If a party has got a living, breathing principle, nobody can break it up. When it's smashed, it deserves it."

deserves it."

SMITH went back to his seat. It was three o'clock in the morning. For days the third act had held the stage, the chorus working back and forth monotonously: now sullenly, as if at the bidding of the principals, now doggedly as if blindly working out some scheme of its own. The lights burned blue through the haze of bad air and dust. There were fewer and fewer specialties. Only Bryan concentrated more and more on situations that racked the nerves of the entire company. John Henry bought a drink of water from a fat man in a wet red flannel shirt, pulled a peeling cigar out of his pocket and stuck it in his mouth. "I'm going to vote," he said, "the way my people instructed me to. I believe the people know what they want. I'm going to do my share toward landing the diamond where it belongs, even if it finishes me."

"Friend," said the man beside him, "don't worry about the people. They ain't one bit better than the things they vote for. If they don't care, why should you? Why should you sweat to deliver a paste diamond just because you promised to?"

"But yours is the paste too!" roared Smith.

"Sure," agreed the mai, "but you help

"Sure," agreed the man, "but you help push it along, too, or we'll get you—where

"Sure," agreed the man, "but you help push it along, too, or we'll get you—where you live."

John Henry Smith groaned. The proposition was quite beyond him. Of but one thing was he sure—this was that, of summer nights, when he sat on the front porch with Mattie and the boy and listened to the crickets in the garden, things were not going to be serene with him. He had lost a step, lost a certain simplicity of faith that he had gotten from his father; he had been smudged in a place that he had kept inviolate. The memory would always hurt. There was but one consoling thought, a revolutionary thought to Smith. Perhaps the new leader would prove a great one, even though he destroyed the party. Perhaps! He caught in his simple mind a certain inevitability of onward movement that must leave him and many old ideals behind.

New days, new ways, sometimes good, sometimes bad. And always "one may find many a fallen old divinity wandering on bewildered shores."

Gleams

■ Everything must change—change alone

¶ Everything in nature as well as in man has a twofold aspect, and one side in-variably contradicts the other.

Life is always ambiguous, never pal-

¶ Life's problems, even the simplest, will not let themselves be reduced to terms of mathematical preciseness. —Edwin Björkman

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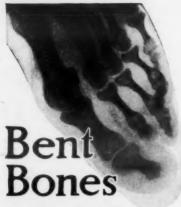
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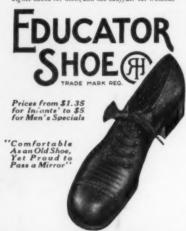
THIS X-Ray photograph shows what narrow, pointed shoes do to the bones of the feet. Shows why such feet have corns, bunions, ingrowing nails, fallen arch, etc. Shows why foot comfort is impossible in such shoes.

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A Woman Naturalist

A Personal Account of the Work and Adventures o, a Woman Collector in the Wilderness of Tropical America

By ELIZABETH KERR

A WOMAN must have two qualities to be a successful naturalist. She must love nature, and she must be without fear. I can narrow my eyes along the steel-blue barrel of a gun. I can look without fear into the sullen face of a hostile native. Yet, also, these same eyes of mine bring me a message of pleasure when a gorgeous-winged butterfly flits across the still, dark green tangle of vines and creepers.

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My own countrymen who have come down to this South American coast have said to me: "Mrs. Kerr, you must be the bravest woman in the world." I do not know. There are the Mathilde Moisants—they flirt with death in the clouds. There are the Annie Pecks—they court it over the edge of an abyss. But my work in the jungles of South America, collecting rare tropical birds for museums and private collectors, certainly does bring me face to face with

certainly does bring me face to face with many varieties of danger every day. I never know which one of my enemies will claim me—savage beasts, alligators, hostile natives, possibly starvation or the pestilent fever which reaches out which reaches out greedy fingers from greedy ingers from
the dark swamps.
Often I see no human being for three
weeks at a time. Yet
I am not a fraid.
And I love the

My wants are sim-My wants are simple—a gun, so me poison, and any old thing to eat. I wear bloomers, a longe shooting jacket with pockets everywhere, and a rubber hat to protect me from the protect me from the tropical rains which metimes amoun al most to cloud-bursts. My outfit consists of a small, light bake oven, cof-

light bake oven, coffeepot, a pot for boiling, a tent, a folding cot, and mosquito netting. Sometimes I can get natives to help me, but often I am compelled to carry my own outfit, for the Atrato negro is very superstitious. He believes in evil spirits, is afraid of tigers and alligators, and no money could hire him to sleep in places where I often spend weeks alone.

Sometimes when there are savage beasts

Sometimes when there are savage beasts about I climb into the tree tops and spend the night with the monkeys for com-

panions.

One thing with which I have had to contend in this country is the hatred of the natives for all Americans.

ON THE RIVER TRAIL

I START out with my gun over my shoulder from the quaint old city of Cartagena, where I make my headquarters begena, where I make my headquarters between hunting trips, take the old road leading out from the city into the wilderness, and paddle up the Atrato River to where I have a little house built up on poles like the other native huts. For the Atrato River overflows its banks here for hundreds of miles, and, as in Venice, we have to do most of our traveling by

canoe.

As I push upstream in my little canoe, past gorgeous flowering vines—which I know enough to leave alone, for death lurks in their glossy folds—under great, gloomy, overhanging trees, with immense vines trailing down to the water, a strange bird flies into the branches of a tree ahead of me. I paddle softly with my gaze fixed on the branches of the tree. The boat runs ashore.

There is a sudden splash, a terrific blow over the bow of the canoe which almost shivers it to pieces, and my

gaze is suddenly brought down from the bird to a big alligator which has been asleep on the shore and which I did not

The alligator plunges off into deep water, and I am left lamenting because the bird has taken fright and flown away.

NIGHT IN THE JUNGLE

I DO not mount the birds. I make what are, in museum parlance, called "skins." The rarest bird I find in Colombia and the most difficult to secure is the jabiru (Mycteria americana), five feet tall, with a spread of wings of one hundred inches, a snowy, satiny white with a band of crimson wattles about the neck. He is the most difficult of all birds to stalk, showing almost human intelligence in his self-defense. He always selects the most open places to feed, far from trees which might hide an enemy, and at every step he

hide an enemy, and at every step he turns his head from side to side. At the least motion strange to him or the slightest sound like the striking of a match, he is up and away in majestic flight. But once in the air he seems to lose all fear, and will pass right over will pass right over you without deviat-ing an inch from his line of flight.

his line of flight. Then you get him.

Again I am in the heart of the jungle, miles from any human being. Night to mes down, the great velvety stars come out, the hum of the insect orchestra begins. I put the coffeepot over the coals and eat my lonely supper. Then I lie down under my lonely supper. Then
I lie down under my
mosquito bar and
look up at the great
stars. Sometimes
pictures of daintily
dressed women back
in civilization drift
across my mind.
But with the reddening of the east in the morning there
is all this wonderful panorama of the
wilderness around me!

Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr and a trophy

COLOMBIA A NATURALIST'S PARADISE

HOW did I happen to take up such a strange life? Well, a great grief drives some women to enter the convent. It caused me to shoulder a gun and march into the wilderness. I inherit my love of shooting. When I was too small to raise a gun an older brother would hold it while I pulled the trigger. I got together an outfit, left my home in the States and came to South America. That was three

years ago.

With time this life has become second nature to me. There is joy in the wild freedom of it. My only sorrow is that I have to sell the beautiful and interesting things I get.

Colombia is a naturalist's paradise. Such

an abundance of animal forms I have not found anywhere else. In a hundred years I would not be able to exhaust this teeming life which is calling me night and day.

AN ANTICIPATED ADVENTURE

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I HOPE soon to secure sufficient funds to make an expedition to the Pacific Coast range among the San Blas Indians. No white man has ever penetrated the country which I intend to visit, but I am convinced that the Indians will allow me to enter, as they will not suspect me of looking for gold. In fact, they have sent word by one of the tribe that if I will come alone they will send bearers to carry my baggage.

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Enjoying the Want Ad

By CHARLES PHELPS CUSHING

ILLUSTRATIONS BY H. L. DRUCKLIEB

APPARENTLY, only half of the country knows how to employ and enjoy classified advertising. In the East the classified columns remain simply a department of old-fashioned "want ads." In the West their latest use has been to beat up a husband; and for years they have satirized public officials, trained poets, stimulated mental alertness in general, and served as a communication forum for the humor or wrath of the many-mooded public.

Wanted—A man to thrash a wife beater; \$10 reward; easy work. Mrs. R. B. G——, ——— Avenue.

R. B. G—, — Avenue.

When the appeal here reproduced appeared in a Seattle paper, eight men responded. Even in progressive Washington a husband may not be recalled on a single scratched ballot cast by a suffraged wife. When the mayor, the chief of police, and the prosecuting attorney had refused to consider so much as a referendum, Mrs. G— had no recourse but to popular government by want ad. She selected the second applicant for the place, "a husky youth who said it would be a pleasure to do the work for \$5." His instructions called for a slap-choke-knockdown-and-toll-on-the-floor job, disabling or disfigurement barred. His work gave such satisfaction that Mrs. G— insisted that he accept the full \$10 fee.

It has long been recognized that even a small advertisement, if meaty, may accomplish wonders. This is how it happens that the want ad can be a powerful medium to satirize public officials. Great things may be expected of Kansas in this connection—a State that rarely disappoints. Observe then, for an example, how in Junction City a little while back the Rev. Marvin M. Culpepper, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, used a modest want ad (but writ in the Kansas language) to open a thunderous campaign upon the lassitude of municipal servants:

Wanted—A few city officers who can see at night; also one mayor with unimpaired olfactory nerves; a lot of citizens to go after the boot-leggers, but not as some have been doing; mothers for the young girls that walk the streets at night and are seen in the company of young men of doubtful character.

Lives there a Western paper with want-ad page so dead that the riming notice writer isn't morn or evening read? To





one author we bestow immortality for a verse about a purple cow; to another we give our moving-van trade for such daily affusions are

I like a wife who's never cross, I like the blooming roses; I like to have a going hoss Who, when he goes, he goeses.

I like a man of real merit, One who but seldom boozes; I like a mover like L. Leritz, Who, when he moves, he movezes.

This ad, which used to have great popularity in southern Missouri, is a product of the imagination:

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN, not a day over thirty, would be pleased to correspond with eligible man. Not absolutely necessary that he should be young. Would prefer one with property, but one with a good-paying position would be satisfactory. The young lady is one with a good-paying position would be satisfactory. The young lady is of medium height, has brown hair and gray eyes, not fat, although most decidedly she is not skinny. Her friends say she is a fine-looking woman. Object matrimony. Reason for this advertisement, the young woman lives in a dinky town, where the best catches are the boys behind the counters in the dry goods and the counters in the dry goods and clothing stores, and every one is spoken for by the time he is out of short pants. Address Hazel Eyes, Box 23, Bingville, Missouri.

Plenty of genuine communications from the public surround the fictions. You must be discerning enough to be able to tell jest from heartfelt earnestness, as when you read:

WANTED-The name of the lowprincipled, dirty, cowardly sneak that poisoned my baby's white dog last night. The lower regions would be a paradise for the yellow-livered, low-down whelp, and I want to give him just a five-minute sample of it be-fore he gets home. If you want some easy money, name him.

Eastward the course of progress—in ant ads as in forms of popular government—relentlessly takes its way. Ponder!

The Reckoning

unveiling what had been sacred for five

rs. That is hard—but it is the sinner who to pay for his crime. And he must

unveiling what had been sacred for five years.

"That is hard—but it is the sinner who has to pay for his crime. And he must keep on paying."

"We got to pay, somehow, for everythin' we get. I've thought a good deal about what I'll have to pay for the thing I've got to do." He quietly placed a new log on the coals and waited for it to blaze. "I've got to kill him—when I find him. It ain't a pretty story," he said wearily. "I like to forget it—that's why I ain't looked for him. I'll run across him some day—that's the way things happen. An' I'm waitin'—just like I been waitin' since that night I come home and found her gone. It's all happened lots o' times, I reckon. I married her—an' I had to go away once. When I come back all the windows was shut down, an' everythin' was dusty. There was a letter—but she didn't tell me the man's name. It's him I'm waitin' for." He fumbled in his wailet and brought out the photograph of a woman. "The Lord makes some women too good lookin'." he said, brooding over the pictured face.

"When was it, Bill?" Ramón asked. His voice was shaking, and it was the first time he had used the Christian name. "At Palomas—five years ago." He gave him the picture.

Ramón looked at it. A soft wind stirred in the young mesquite, and a lizard scuttled noiselessly from the brush to the fire but turned back, frightened at the blaze.

"Madre Dios," Ramón whispered, and put his head down on his arms.

The little wind died away softly in the shallows of the dunes.

The picture dropped into the fire, and Ramón reached for it.

"Don't touch it!" Bill said. He kicked it deeper into the coals. "She don't want to see this." He stood up, waiting. His face was white, and the pupils of his eyes were distended and blackened.

Ramón got up. "I am ready," he said wearily. "It has been hell—straight through."

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Bill looked at him, feeling a torrent of rage mounting steadily toward his head. Fighting it down for five years had not lessened its strength. He saw Ramón's pale, sensitive face and longlashed eyes as he had never seen them before—as the woman must have seen them. "I can't shoot you down like a dog—now." He wa's reviewing the incidents that linked his life with Ramón's. He remembered him unlocking the door of Number Ten—and the drenched blanket that flamed on the corners.

"You're no coward. I can't shoot you down—like I want to. It's a fair fight—now." He was thinking of the white skirt that had fluttered behind the screens of the patio. "If you can go—go back to her—then—you won't have to pay any more—"

Ramón waited, his hands hanging list-lessly at his sides. Bill drew the two six-shooters from his belt and Ramón accepted one of them.

"And the signal?" Ramón asked. He broke a twig from the mesquite and, kneeling, braced it in the coals. Bill rebelled at the injustice of having to balance such an account with a man who was not afraid to turn his back.

"When the twig burns out," Ramón said, rising. He walked around the camp fire, and Bill, moving back an equal distance, faced him across it.

THE mesquite was green and slow to burn. Watching it, Bill forgot everything that had filled up the five years. It was as if he had met Ramón on the threshold of that dusty home to which he had returned. He was exultant in the strength of his hatred and the memory of his violated love. The twig caught fire and the leaves at the base of it turned brown. He was glad that he had not shot him down as he had waited to do and as he had the right to do. Such things belonged to lesser men, cradled in the civilization that lay across the desert. It was better that men should meet alone, in equal fairness, away from everything save themselves and their God. The flame crept upward, and Bill remembered the tenderness in the girl's eyes when he had first kissed her. Across the fire he saw that Ramón's lips were moving, as if he prayed. The mesquite blackened and Bill raised his six-shooter. He felt strong and secure, as men have always felt fighting over women. As the twig broke he saw the light on the other gun barrel. He fired, and the echo rang in the dunes. Ramón moved as if he were about to step forward.

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Bill laid him back gently in the sand. When he saw the quiet smile on the lips he knelt down and began to cry. The sobs were torn out of the very depths of his being—he was crying over other dead things than the body beside him. The tears poured down his face, but he did not know how to wipe them away. He had had no need of tears.

Afterward, under a new dawn bright with promise, he dug a grave in the shadow of the dunes. When all was done he looked out across the changeless desert to the Mexican hills—where lay freedom. When he turned back he was smiling. He took his six-shooters from the sand to clean them, for he had a long trip before him. He emptied the cylinders; only one cartridge had been fired.

He sat a long time looking at the pale light that hovered over the eastern dunes. Then he slowly mounted his burro and turned its head toward the jail at Cochina.

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wouldn't get a chance to gossip. He says they are talking like the mischief anyway. I don't see why he doesn't let them know we are engaged—it isn't a disgrace to be in love. A man's viewpoint is so hard to understand. I always feel furtive when I follow out J—'s instructions. It makes me uncomfortable—but he must know, of course.

I never used to believe that a man's lips could blot out the whole world, but I do now. Thank goodness, our love is our own and not "copy." Loving J—has made me so much of a woman. I want a house and home tasks and feminine things. I want to put on a frilly apron and dust and go to market. I don't want fame now, I'm tired—tired of being a sexless thing. I wish mother was nearer. I must write to her to-night; I haven't written home in ages. I've felt too much of an outsider, too far away from it all, but my love for J—has broken down the barriers, and I want them—I want them—all. I don't see why he says not to tell them of our love—it isn't fair, it brings up doubts and fears that hurt.

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I'm not sure, though, that they don't grow worse because I put them down this way. It makes them tangible, and they won't go away. My heart aches with one big question.
There's the 'phone ringing, and I've a "hunch" that it's for me. I—— likes to call up and say good night. After all,

what do the doubts matter? Nothing really counts except happiness—happiness and the man. Some one is coming down the hall—it is for me. J—, my dear, my dear, I love you, and nothing else matters. November 5—My birthday. What a celebration there would be if I were home. Such mysterious parcels, such kisses, and such a delightful sense of the whole household being en fête. You never think of these things till they've gone, however. So this morning I tumbled out of bed in the cold and fog, did my hair by gaslight, and went sleepily to work because I am "on early" this week.

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My birthday! It's hard to realize it. It means the beginning of a new year for me, a new page in the book of life, and at its top I must write: "I have lost my illusions of girlhood and have become a woman, with more than a woman's knowledge of the world's sin and sorrow and joy. And I have learned to love."

There was a surprise for me at the office: the hermit had sent me some roses because I had 'fessed up I was born on Guy Fawkes Day. J— forgot, but I loved him for that purely masculine trait. Was it the newspaper me who sees little things with a man's eyes that forgave, I wonder, or the purely feminine me that forgives because she loves? The woman that not even becoming a machine to grind out copy can entirely obliterate.

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